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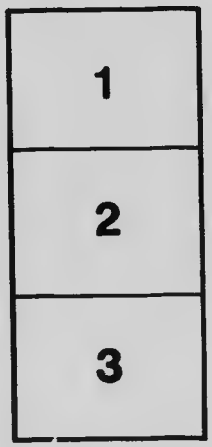

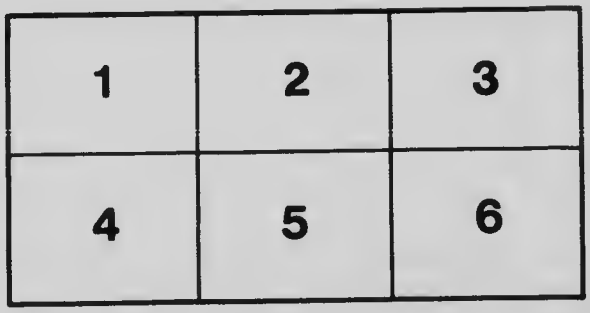

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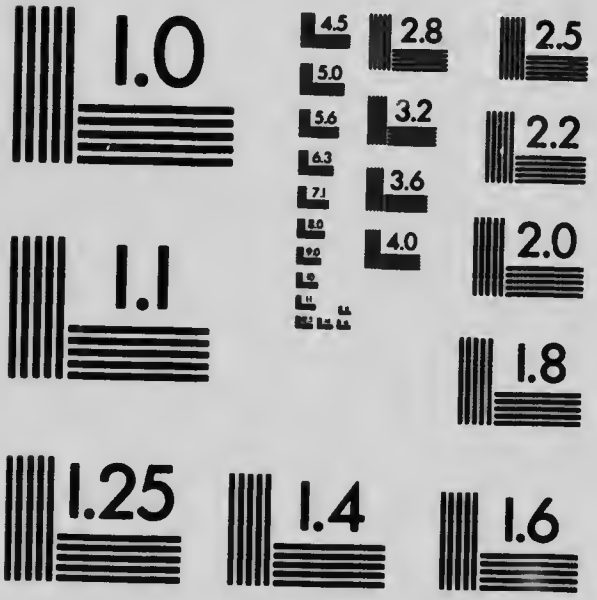

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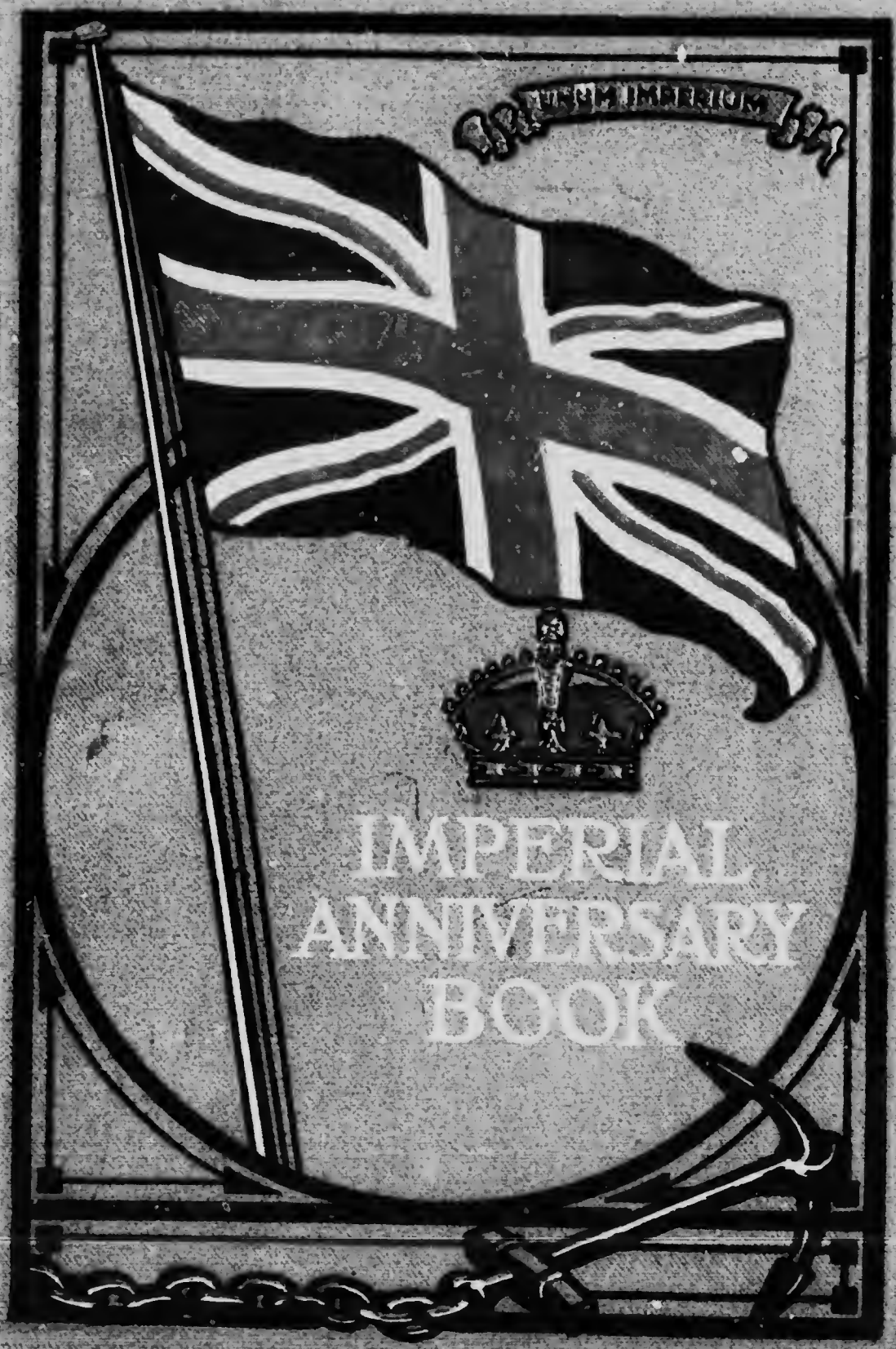
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to

The Right Hon. Baron Strathcona and Mount Royal
G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.

A type of the true Imperialist and an example worthy
of imitation by the young Briton in the
Dominions beyond the seas.

PREFACE

THE object of this collection of Imperial events and poems is to render the reader more familiar with the glorious history and traditions of the British race, to be a convenient means of reference, and to make all, especially young people, realize anew in some degree the sequence of events which bound together many scattered nations as one Empire, afloat on that element the mastery of which no other people for a century has dared to dispute.

No one will be more apt to see imperfections and shortcomings in the book than the compiler; there were many items which might have been included to add to its interest and usefulness, but time in preparation and limitation in space forbade.

The main idea has been, after noting the outstanding great events which are household words, to select incidents of Imperial significance, and quote the best poem, if any, on the subject. Occasionally minor local affairs have been noticed, as such dates are often matter of discussion.

The events are fairly representative of the whole Empire, but there are, no doubt, important occurrences in the history of the Colonial nations which have been omitted; the aim, however, has been to preserve a certain perspective and relative proportion throughout.

In compiling, not a few conflicting statements of dates, even in modern history, were discovered, and

in such cases several sources of information were consulted before a decision was made.

It has been impossible to obtain the names of the authors of some poems culled from newspapers, or printed anonymously. This is a matter of regret. Any information that may be furnished giving the authorship of any of these anonymous extracts will be greatfully received.

There are many notable tributes to the essential greatness of British rule and the high quality of British character from foreigners, but it was thought best to quote from Imperial poets only. Most selections are appropriate to the days for which they were chosen; in a few instances there is no direct connection, merely a stanza worth remembering, illustrating some typical phase of British life; and the thoughts of dead and living writers about the Empire and its problems have been varied by quotations containing words of warning, or reminders of the ideals which the British race has always upheld.

I would call the attention of the thoughtful reader to the following points:

1. The national religious feeling shown in the majority of the poems—the belief in a special mission, characteristic of no other people but the ancient Hebrews.

2. The national watchword—"Duty"—which runs like a golden thread through the lives and utterances of not one alone, but many of our heroes and poets.

3. The "sea-spirit" of the race, which in its original island home made the ocean its defence, then won it for an immutable kingdom, and is now striving dimly to comprehend that the world-wide Empire, founded upon the sea, can only continue to exist if the control of that vast highway is vested in one supreme all-

British Navy, the guardian of our free heritage, the arbiter of justice, the guarantor of peace.

Finally, if the issue of this little volume shall in any degree contribute to the growth of the true Imperial spirit, and the desire to promote Imperial unity, the author will be amply repaid for the time expended in arranging the material.

The millions who acknowledge the sovereignty of the British Crown, and whose hearts thrill at the unfurling of the Union Jack, can say individually, without boasting, but with a pride which no other nation of the past or present has so justly attained, "Civis Britannicus sum."

IMPERIAL ANNIVERSARY BOOK

"Breathes there the man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land!
Whose heart hath ne'er within him burned,
As home his footsteps he hath turned
From wandering on a foreign strand?

. . . . . .

The wretch, concentred all in self,
Living, shall forfeit fair renown,
And, doubly dying, shall go down
To the vile dust, from whence he sprung,
Unwept, unhonored, and unsung."

—*Sir W. Scott.*

"Never was isle so little,
Never was sea so lone,
But over the scud and the palm-tree
The English flag has flown."

—*Kipling.*

"One Empire, Senate, Flag and Throne,
One Fleet, and Britons hold their own!"

JANUARY

EGYPT: GORDON

"What is the blue on our flag, boys?
The waves of the boundless sea,
Where our vessels ride in their tameless pride,
And the feet of the winds are free;
From the sun and smiles of the coral isles
To the ice of the South and North,
With dauntless tread through tempests dread
The guardian ships go forth.

"What is the white on our flag, boys?
The honor of our land,
Which burns in our sight like a beacon light,
And stands while the hills shall stand;
Yea, dearer than fame is our land's great name,
And we fight, wherever we be,
For the mothers and wives that pray for the lives
Of the brave hearts over the sea.

"What is the red on our flag, boys?
The blood of our heroes slain
On the burning sands in the wild, waste lands
And the froth of the purple main.
And it cries to God from the crimsoned sod
And the crest of the waves outrolled,
That He send us men to fight again
As our fathers fought of old.

"We'll stand by the dear old flag, boys,
Whatever be said or done,
Though the shots come fast as we face the blast
And the foe be ten to one;
Though our only reward be the thrust of a sword,
Or a bullet in heart or brain,
What matters one gone, if the flag float on,
And Britain be lord of the main.

—*Frederick George Scott, Canada.*

JANUARY

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1586. San Domingo captured by Drake.
1651. Charles II. crowned at Scone.
1788. The *Times* founded by John Walter.
1801. Present Union Jack first flown.
1801. Irish Parliament united with English and Scotch.
1862. Confederate Envoys surrendered to British Government by U. S.
1877. Queen Victoria proclaimed Empress of India, in [India.
1886. Upper Burmah annexed.
1900. Northern Nigeria made protectorate.
1901. Commonwealth of Australia proclaimed.

"Her hand was still on her sword-hilt—the spur was still on her heel,
She had not cast her armor of gray, wardented steel . . . .
And she came to the old Queen's presence in the hall of our thousand years,
In the hall of the five free nations that have no peer but their peers, ...
And the young Queen out of the Southland kneeled down at the old Queen's knee,
And asked for a mother's blessing on the excellent years to be."

—*Kipling.*

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1726. General James Wolfe born.

"The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave,
Await alike the inevitable hour;
The paths of glory lead but to the grave."
—*Gray.*

1757. Calcutta taken by Clive.
1849. Mooltan stormed.

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1653. Blake fought Dutch in English Channel.

"The sea-kings loved not boasting, they cursed not him that cursed,
They honored all men duly, and him that faced them, first;
They strove, and knew not hatred, they smote, and toiled to save,
They tended whom they vanquished, and praised the fallen brave."
—*Newbolt.*

1805. Bhurtpore stormed.
1825. Parliament Buildings in Toronto burned.

4

1642. Isaac Newton born.
1663. Great earthquake, Canada.
1717. Triple Alliance—England, France, Holland.
1852. Blockade of Irrawady. Attack on Rangoon.

"Worshipped almost as a symbol,
Then denounced as a rag,
But somehow it still keeps waving on,
Kissing the breeze till its work is done.
That glorious English flag."
—*Anon.*

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1492. West Indies discovered by Columbus.
1769. Improved steam-engine patented by James Watt.
1802. Port Phillip Bay discovered.
1806. Cape of Good Hope taken from Dutch.

"Shall we not thro' good and ill
Cleave to one another still?
Britain's myriad voices call,
Sons be welded each and all
Into one Imperial whole,
One with Britain, heart and soul;
One Life, one Fleet, one Flag, one Throne.
Britons, hold your own!" —*Tennyson.*

1838. Canadian rebels repulsed at Toronto by Lieut.-Col. James FitzGibbon.
1899. Khartoum College founded.

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1818. Treaty of Peace with Holkar signed.
1842. Massacre of Jelalabad.

"Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more,
Or close the wall up with our English dead."
—*Shakespeare.*

"Yet weep not, my child, tho' the dead be dead,
And the wounded rise not again,
For they are with God who for England fought,
And they bore them as Englishmen."
—*Palgrave.*

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1588. Loss of Calais.
1807. Orders in Council against the Berlin Decree.

"No little German state are we,
But the one voice in Europe; we *must* speak,
That if to-night our greatness were struck dead,
There might remain some record of the things we said."
—*Tennyson.*

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1824. Wilkie Collins born.

"There is a pleasure in the pathless woods,
There is a rapture on the lonely shore,
There is society where none intrudes
By the deep sea, and music in its roar;
I love not man the less but nature more
From these our interviews, in which I steal
From all I may be or have been before
To mingle with the universe and feel
What I can ne'er express, yet cannot all conceal."
—*Byron.*

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1806. Cape Town re-taken.
1806. Nelson's funeral, St. Paul's.

"Fair sun of glory, thy ascending light
Beamed on the Nile and Copenhagen's shore,
But on Trafalgar fixed meridian height,
Then set in victory, to rise no more.

"Oh! may thy spirit still our hosts pervade,
Still thro' our navy breathe its vital power,
And distant ages bless the hero's shade
Who sav'd Britannia in her darkened hour."
—*Anon.*

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1645. Execution of Archbishop Laud.
1840. Penny Postage introduced by Rowland Hill.
1846. Maori War.
1859. Colors presented to 100th Regiment (Royal Canadians), Shorncliffe.

"We send them forth from our 'true north,'
For sacred bond and sign,
And alien the heart that will not pray
For our bit of the 'thin red line.'"
—*Wilfred Campbell, Canada.*

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1846. Victory over Maoris, New Zealand.
1859. Lord Curzon born.

"Winds of the world, give answer; they are whimpering to and fro,
And what should they know of England who only England know? . . . .

. . . . . .

What is the flag of England? Ye have but my suns to dare,
Ye have but my wilds to travel; go forth, for it is there."

—*Kipling.*

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1668. Alliance of England, Holland and Sweden against France.
1854. Alumbagh defended against attack of 30,000 Sepoys.
1879. Zulu War opened.

"And plainly and more plainly
Now thro' the gloom appears,
Far to left and far to right,
In broken gleams of dark blue light,
The long array of shields so bright,
The long array of spears."

—*Macaulay.*

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1749. Charles James Fox born.
1815. British repulsed at New Orleans.
1849. Battle of Chillianwallah, won by Sir Hugh Gough.

"Where'er the tramp of Britain's marching legions
Re-echoes to the music of her drums,
We bear with us to earth's remotest regions
The memory of her valiant soldier sons."

—*J. H. Wilson.*

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1809. Cayenne captured.
1845. Lord Lansdowne born.
1892. Death of Duke of Clarence.

"The bridal garland falls upon the bier,
The shadow of a crown that o'er him hung
Has vanished, in the shadow cast by death."
—*Tennyson.*

1907. Great earthquake, Kingston, Jamaica.

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1759. British Museum opened.

"O gray, O gloomy skies! what then?
Here is a marvellous world of men;
More wonderful than Rome was, when
The world was Rome!
See the great throng of life flow by!
Here thronging myriads laugh and sigh,
Here rise and fall, here live and die,
In this vast home."
—*"London," Lionel Johnson.*

1761. Mogul ruler defeated at Patna.

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1794. Gibbon died.
1809. Battle of Corunna. Death of Sir John Moore.

"Not a drum was heard, not a funeral note,
As his corse to the ramparts we hurried,
Not a soldier discharged his farewell shot
O'er the grave where our hero we buried.

"Slowly and sadly we laid him down,
From the field of his fame fresh and gory.
We carved not a line, and we raised not a stone,
But we left him alone with his glory."
—*Rev. Chas. Wolfe.*

1883. British control established in Egypt (Evelyn Baring, Lord Cromer, Resident).

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1746. Victory at Falkirk, won by Prince Charles Edward.
1852. Sand River Convention concluded with Boers.
1885. Battle of Abu Klea Wells, Egypt.

"On comes the foe—to arms—to arms—
We meet—'tis death or glory;
'Tis victory in all her charms,
Or fame in Britain's story."

—*W. Smyth.*

1896. Coomassie occupied.

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1486. Union of the Houses of Lancaster and York by marriage of Henry VII.
1788. Convicts landed at Botany Bay.
1788. Sydney founded by Capt. Phillip.

"Australia, round whose coral way
Pacific billows write in spray
A word in sunbeams on the gleaming day—
Faith's word, 'Advance!'"

—*Theo. Watts-Dunton.*

1826. Bhurtpore taken.
1873. Lord Lytton died.

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1736. Principle of the steam-engine discovered by Watt.

"To think the great new thought or do the deed
That gilds with richer light the motherland,
Or lend her strength of arm in hour of need,
When eyes of doom gleam fierce on every hand,
Is bliss to him whose bliss is working well,
Is goal and guerdon, too, tho' boasters loud
Make brazen music for the leaden crowd,
Dazzled and deafened by the babbler's spell."

—*Theo. Watts-Dunton.*

1812. Ciudad Rodrigo taken.
1839. Aden occupied.

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1265. First Assembly of the middle classes to Parliament; origin of the House of Commons.

"Change darkens and lightens around her,
Alternate in hope and in fear to be,
But the sun is in heaven which beholds her immortal,
And girdled with life by the sea."

—*Swinburne.*

1649. Trial of Charles I.
1783. Second Treaty of Paris. Independence of U. S.A. recognized.
1869. First Provincial Parliament, Quebec.
1900. John Ruskin died.

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1549. First English Prayer-Book authorized.

"O native Britain! O my mother isle!
How shouldst thou prove aught else but dear and holy! . . . .
There lives not form nor feeling in my soul
Unborrowed from my country."

—*Coleridge.*

1799. Vaccination introduced (discovered 1796) by Dr. Jenner.
1863. Public funeral of Burke and Wells, Melbourne.

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1561. Lord Bacon born.
1788. George Gordon, Lord Byron, born.
1841. Hong-Kong ceded.
1879. Natal saved at Rorke's Drift.
1879. Islandwana. Zulus defeated British force.
1901. Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria died.

"May children of our children say,
She wrought her people lasting good.

Her court was pure; her life serene;
God gave her peace; her land reposed;
A thousand claims to reverence closed
In Her, as Mother, Wife, and Queen."

—*Tennyson.*

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1792. Sir Joshua Reynolds died.
1806. Death of William Pitt (the younger).

"Great men have been among us; hands that penned
And tongues that uttered wisdom, better none.
They knew how genuine glory was put on,
Taught us how rightfully a nation shone
In splendor."

—*Wordsworth.*

1875. Charles Kingsley died.
1901. Proclamation of King Edward VII.

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1888. Expedition against Sikkim.

"Britons once did loyally declaim
About the way we ruled the waves;
Every Briton's song was just the same
When singing of her soldier braves.
All the world had heard it, wondered why we sang,
And some have learned the reason why,
But we're forgetting it, and we're letting it
Fade away and gradually die."

—*Leslie Stuart.*

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1759. Robert Burns born.

"The brave poor soldier ne'er despise,
Nor count him as a stranger,
Remember he's his country's stay
In day and hour of danger."

—*Burns.*

1858. Marriage of the Princess Royal to the German Crown Prince.

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1885. Fall of Khartoum. Death of General Gordon.

"Midst the glorious Christian soldiers gone we write a noble name,
All worthy to be entered on the scroll of endless fame;
In the 'House of many mansions' has been filled another room
By the death and life eternal of brave Gordon of Khartoum."

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1858. Ottawa declared capital of Canada.

"Though other skies may be as bright,
And other lands as fair,
Though charms of other climes invite
My wandering footsteps there,
Yet there is one, the peer of all,
Beneath bright heaven's dome—
Of thee I sing, O happy land,
My own Canadian home."

—*E. G. Nelson.*

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1596. Drake died.

"Take my drum to England, hang it by the shore,
Strike it when your powder's running low;
If the Dons strike Devon I'll quit the port of Heaven,
And drum them up the Channel, as we drummed them long ago."

—*Newbolt.*

1833. General Gordon born.
1846. Battle of Aliwal. Sikhs defeated.
1848. Treaty Waikangi signed, New Zealand.
1881. Battle of Laing's Nek.

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1856. Warrant issued for the Victoria Cross.

"I saw the might of our Empire
In a dream as the faggots sank,
I heard the heart of a nation
Pulse out from rank to rank;
I felt the might of their marching
And I heard their harness clank.

"Highland and lowland men,
And men from the outer seas,
Brave hearts from England's heart,
True hearts from the Colonies;
Shoulder to shoulder they went
With the red dust to their knees."

—*Theodore Roberts, Canada.*

1861. Elizabeth Barrett Browning died.
1895. Conference of Australian Premiers at Hobart.
1896. Conference of Australian Premiers at Sydney. (Military Defence.)

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1647. Charles I. betrayed to Parliament by Scots.
1649. Execution of Charles I.

"He nothing common did or mean
Upon that memorable scene,
But with his keener eye
The axe's edge did try, ...
Then laid his comely head
Down, as upon a bed." —*Andrew Marvell.*

1840. New Zealand united with New South Wales.
1847. Lord Elgin arrived at Montreal.
1854. Sovereignty over Orange Free State abandoned.

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1574. Ben Jonson born.
1873. Treaty signed defining boundaries British Empire and Russia in Asia.

"And statesmen at her councils met
Who knew the seasons—when to take
Occasion by the hand and make
The bounds of freedom wider yet."

—*Tennyson.*

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FEBRUARY

DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND, 1907

MY OWN NEW ZEALAND HOME

"I love my home, my happy home,
In fair New Zealand's Isles,
The glory of the South, where all
The face of Nature smiles.
Where noble forests crown the hill,
And streamlets thread the vales,
And mighty ocean circles round,
And breathes refreshing gales.

"I love to wander by the shore,
Beside the flowing tide,
And watch the sea-birds' graceful flight,
And ships with sails spread wide.
The mountain slope or busy town
Are full of charms for me,
While on this British Southern soil
I dwell content and free."

—*I. Grigg, Auckland.*

FEBRUARY

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1793. War declared against England by France.

"Come the three corners of the world in arms,
And we shall shock them; nought shall make us rue,
If England to herself do rest but true."
—*Shakespeare.*

1873. Royal Naval College opened.

2

1461. Battle of Mortimer's Cross, won by Yorkists.
1806. First Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland met.
1872. Gold Coast acquired from Dutch.
1896. Anglo-Venezuelan Treaty signed.
1901. Naval and military funeral of Queen Victoria.

"'God save the Queen!' the heartfelt aspiration
Of many years shall now be heard no more;
But in its stead from all the stricken nation,
New strains shall beat on the eternal shore.
The Queen is safe: for all that she hath been,
For all that she hath done, God bless the Queen.

. . . . . .

Nay! not farewell! altho' our prayer no longer
Be for her guarding and length of days,
Our grateful love shall echo all the stronger.
The new and nobler hymn our hearts shall raise."

—*John J. Proctor, Canada.*

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1807. Montevideo taken.
1848. Sovereignty proclaimed over Orange and Vaal River Territories, by Sir H. Smith.

"Till having backward rolled the lawless tide
Of trusted treason, tyranny, and pride,
Her flag hath brought, inflexible as fate,
Charter of freedom to a fettered state."
—*Alfred Austin.*

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211. Emperor Severus died at Eboracum (York).
1762. Port Royal taken.
1901. Entombment of Her Majesty Queen Victoria at Frogmore.

"O Queen of British hearts, now throned for aye,
And wearing on thy brow the crown of life,
Dost thou thy thoughts with sweet remembrance rife,
To us on this thy sad memorial day
Send down? And art thou guarding still the way
By which we pass to greatness and to power?"
—*Effie MacLeod, Canada.*

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1783. Order of St. Patrick instituted.
1874. Coomassie taken by Wolseley.

"Who fights for England fights for God.
These tread the path their fathers trod,
Or if they fall
By ridge or wall,
And lie 'neath some lone southern sod.
Who dies for England sleeps with God."
—*Alfred Austin.*

1881. Carlyle died.

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1806. Victory of St. Domingo won by Admiral Duckworth.
1811. Prince of Wales (George IV.) made Regent.
1838. Henry Irving born.
1890. Conference to consider Confederation held at Melbourne.

"Australia! thou whose flight shall still advance
On wings that never beat yet never stay—
Desert not thou, whatever winds of chance
May fret the changing waves of time's expanse,
The ship that led thee on thy morning way."
—*Theo. Watts-Dunton.*

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1812. Charles Dickens born.

"Here, where the end of earthly things,
Lay heroes, patriots, bards and kings,
Where stiff the hand, and still the tongue
Of those who fought, and wrote and sung;
Here where the fretted isles prolong
The distant notes of holy song,
As if some angel spoke again,
'All peace on earth, good-will to men.'"
—*"The Abbey," Scott.*

1856. Oude annexed.

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1587. Execution of Mary Queen of Scots.

"Nothing in *her* life became *her* like the leaving it."

"Let them not live to taste this land's increase,
That would with treason wound this fair land's peace."
—*Shakespeare.*

1819. John Ruskin born.
1881. Fight with Boers at Ingogo River.

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1292. National Council met at Scone. John Balliol chosen King.

"Such be the patriot's boast, where'er he roam,
His first, best country ever is at home.

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So the loud torrent and the whirlwind's roar
But bind him to his native mountains more."
—*Goldsmith.*

1746. Grand Pré, Acadia, taken.
1863. Anthony Hope (Hawkins) born.

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1763. First Treaty of Paris, Cession of Canada.

"When midnight chimed before Quebec,
We watched with Wolfe till the morning star;
At noon we saw from the *Victory's* deck
The sweep and splendor of England's war."
—*Newbolt.*

1775. Charles Lamb born.
1840. Marriage of Queen Victoria.
1840. Union of Upper and Lower Canada.
1846. Battle of Sobraon. The Punjaub conquered.
1846. Admiral Lord Charles Beresford born.
1907. Sir William Howard Russell died.

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1859. Nana Sahib finally defeated.

"A light that is more than the sunlight,
An air that is brighter than morning's breath,
Clothes England about as the strong sea clasps her,
And answers the word that it saith,
The word that assures her of life if she change not,
And choose not the ways of death."
—*Swinburne.*

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1554. Execution of Lady Jane Grey and Lord Dudley.
1807. Darwin born.
1820. Valdivia captured by Admiral Cochrane.
1828. George Meredith born.
1860. William Napier died.
1885. Offer of troops for the Soudan by New South Wales.

"Stand fast and forget not the sign that is given,
Of the years and the wars that are done,
The token that all who are born of the blood
Should in heart and in blood be one."

—*Swinburne.*

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1689. William of Orange and Mary accepted the Crown.
1692. Massacre of Glencoe.

"The hand that mingled in the meal
At midnight drew the felon steel,
The friendly hearth that warmed the hand
At midnight armed it with the brand."

—*Scott.*

1788. Trial of Warren Hastings.
1885. Offer of troops for the Soudan by Victoria, Australia.

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1779. Capt. Cook murdered.
1797. Battle of Cape St. Vincent won by Admiral Sir John Jervis.

"Nobly, nobly Cape St. Vincent to the north-west died away,
Sunset ran one glorious blood-red, reeking into Cadiz Bay;
Bluish 'mid the burning water full in face Trafalgar lay;
In the dimmest south-east distance dawned Gibraltar grand and grey;
Here and here did England help me,—how can I help England? say."

—*Robert Browning.*

1876. First telephone message, Brantford, Canada. Dr. Graham Bell.

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1900. Relief of Kimberley.

"This for a charge to our children in sign of
the price we paid,
The price we paid for freedom which comes
unsoiled to our hand.
Read, revere, and uncover—here are the vic-
tors laid,
They who died for the city, being sons of
the land."

—*Kipling.*

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1762. Martinique taken.

"Sons whose home was the sea waves' foam,
Have borne the fame of her east and west,
North and south has the storm-wind's mouth
Rung praise of England and England's quest.
Fame, wherever her flag flew, never
Forbore to fly with an equal wing."

—*Swinburne.*

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1782. Battle in the Indian Ocean between French and English under Admirals Suffren and Hughes.

"Be sure, while hate implacable is hurled.
Your fleet commands the harbors of the world,
Hear the great Duke and your dead laureate
call,
'The fleet of England is her all in all!'"

—*Harold Begbie.*

1843. Battle of Meanee. Ameer of Scinde defeated by Sir Charles Napier.

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1653. Dutch defeated off Portland.
1775. Charles Lamb born.
1797. Trinidad taken.
1900. First engagement at Paardeberg, South Africa.

"The seal set on our Nationhood are these
Brave men returning victors from the war.
Up to the battles' very front they bore
Our country's honor, till with every breeze
Fame sang their valor round the Seven Seas."
—*Frederick George Scott.*

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1807. Passage of the Dardanelles forced.

"Whether their fame centuries long should ring
They cared not overmuch,
But cared greatly to serve God and the King.
And keep the 'Nelson touch.'

"They fought to build Britain above the tide
Of wars and windy fate,
And passed content, leaving to us the pride
Of lives obscurely great."
—*Newbolt.*

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1716. David Garrick born.
1843. Hyderabad occupied.
1846. Lahore occupied. Sir Hugh Gough.

"Scarlet and Tartan and Khaki dun, Gunner and Foot and Horse,
They stand for the Flag. the wide world round, and order and law enforce.
Tommy and Mac and Pat and Jean—White, Yellow, or Black or Brown—
Here's to the Man in the Uniform, the stay of the Throne and Crown."
—*Samuel M. Baylis.*

1904. Tasmanian Woman Suffrage Bill. Royal assent.

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1801. Cardinal Newman born.
1849. Gujerat. Sikhs defeated.
1858. Alumbagh successfully held against second assault of Sepoys.

"These men sublimely silent,
Without a quickened breath,
Went in the strength of duty
Straight to their goal of death."

—*Doyle.*

1892. Great fire in Cape Town.

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1806. State funeral of William Pitt (Son, nineteen years Prime Minister).
1813. Ogdensburg, U.S.A., taken by British force.
1845. Danish possessions in India purchased.
1849. Punjaub annexed.

"Flutter and flap to the winds of God,
Thou emblem of all that is proud and free,
Nowhere is footstep of man on sod
Where men do not tremble and bow to thee.
Thou foremost on citadel. masthead, crag,
Banner of Britain! our Flag!" —*Anon.*

1857. General R. S. S. Baden-Powell born.

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1821. Keats died.

"Bards of passion and of mirth,
Ye have left your souls on earth;
Ye have souls in heaven, too,
Double-lived in regions new."

—*Keats.*

1838. Sir Evelyn Wood born.
1875. Trial of the Gaekwar of Baroda.

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1826. Peace made with Burmah. Cession of Assam.
1861. Order of the Star of India created.

"Yet tho' treason and fierce unreason,
League and lie and defame and smite,
We that know thee, how far below thee,
The hatred burns of the sons of night,
We that love thee behold above thee,
The witness written of life in light."
—*Swinburne.*

1891. Military disaster at Manipur.

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1723. Sir Christopher Wren died.
1907. First Responsible Government elected in the Transvaal.

"Unite the Empire, make it stand compact,
Shoulder to shoulder, let its members feel
The touch of British brotherhood and act
As one vast nation, strong and true as steel."
—*Thomas Macfarlane, Canada.*

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1841. Lord Cromer born.
1841. Canton taken.
1852. Thomas Moore died.
1852. Wreck of the troopship *Birkenhead.*

"There rose no murmur from the ranks, no thought
By shameful strength unhonored life to seek,
Their post to quit they were not trained, nor taught
To trample down the weak.
"Formed in a steadfast line, the brave who died,
Died without flinching in the raging surf,
They sleep as well beneath that crimson tide
As others under turf."—*Sir F. H. Doyle.*

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1848. Ellen Terry born.
1872. Thanksgiving for recovery of the Prince of Wales (King Edward).
1881. Majuba. Sir Geo. Colley killed.
1884. Convention made with Boers recognizing South African Republic.
1900. Battle of Paardeberg.

"Half-mast your flags? Nay, fly them at the head!
We reap the harvest where we sowed the corn.
See from the red graves of your gallant dead
An Empire born.

"Lift up your eyes. Your glory is revealed!
See through war's clouds the rising of your Sun!
Hear ye God's voice! *Your testament is sealed,*
And ye are one!"

—*Clive Phillipps-Wolley, Canada.*

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1784. First Methodist Conference established.
1820. Sir John Tenniel (*Punch*), born.
1884. El Teb. Soudan.
1900. Relief of Ladysmith by General Buller (Sir George White defender).

"You may call it an old piece of bunting,
You may say it's an old colored rag,
But thousands have died for its honor,
And shed their best blood for the Flag."

1905. Esquimalt, B.C., transferred to Canada by Imperial Government.

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MARCH

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, 1901

ADVANCE, AUSTRALIA

"Rise, Australians, mark your day,
Seize the Standard, bear the sway;
Drive the clouds of sloth away,
And advance—still advance!

"Know your fathers left their home,
Far beyond the ocean's foam,
Know they trod your native strand,
Led the way and left command
To advance! still advance!

"Sense of duty must prevail,
When did British courage fail?
Wave the Cross o'er hill and dale
And advance—still advance!

"By each honest heart's appeal,
By the patriot's burning zeal,
By that never-dying love,
By our store of hope above
We advance—still advance!

—*J. Eccleston Walker.*

TASMANIAN HYMN.

"All hail the land we love so well, bright jewel of the sea;
Fair home of Britain's stalwart sons, the brave and bold and free.
Tasmania, land of joy and peace, whose sons are true and brave,
No scornful foe shall lay thee low while Britain rules the wave."

—*F. A. Packer Hobart.*

MARCH

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St. David's Day.

"Men of Harlech! young and hoary,
Would you win a name in story!
Strike for home, for life, for glory!
Freedom! God and right."
—*Patriotic Song of Wales.*

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1791. John Wesley died.
1891. Conference at Sydney to discuss Australian federation.

"So long as on Pacific main,
Or on Atlantic strand,
Our kin transmit the parent strain
And love the Motherland;
So long as flashes English steel,
And British trumpets shrill,
He is dead already who doth not feel
Life is worth living still."
—*Austin.*

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1804. H. M. S. *Blenheim* lost. Admiral Troubridge.
1885. Soudan Contingent sailed from Sydney, N.S.W.

"Test well your blood and your mettle,
Count well your troops and your guns,
For they who ride against England
Must reckon with England's sons."
—*Theo. Roberts, Canada.*

1886. Agent-General for Tasmania appointed, London.
1890. Forth Bridge opened.

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1461. Edward IV. proclaimed (House of York).

"Not care to live while English homes
Nestle 'neath English trees,
And England's trident-sceptre roams
Her territorial seas!
Not live while English songs are sung
Wherever blows the wind,
And England's laws and England's tongue
Enfranchise half mankind!"
—*Austin.*

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1811. Siege of Barossa.

"And a brave, glad show, and a gallant sight
Are the men of the fighting trade,
As they stand, eyes front, on the snowy deck,
On the turf of the lined parade.
And the line is flung at the torn glacis
That the guns long hours have shelled,
Carving, and clubbing, and cursing its way
To the key that is won and held."
—*Samuel M. Baylis.*

1850. Bridge over Menai Strait completed.

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1786. Admiral Sir Charles Napier born.

"England, none that is born thy son, and lives, by grace of thy glory, free,
Lives and yearns not at heart and burns with hope to serve as he worships thee;
None may sing thee: the sea-wind's wing beats down our songs as it hails the sea."
—*Swinburne.*

1834. George du Maurier born.
1894. Natives of Gambia subdued.

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1802. Sir Edwin Landseer born.
1804. British and Foreign Bible Society founded.
1810. Admiral Collingwood died.

"He who cared not to be great,
But as he saved or served the state . . . .
Not once or twice in our rough island story,
The path of duty was the way to glory."
—*Tennyson.*

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1801. Aboukir Bay.

"Let us be backed by God and by the seas,
Which He has given us for fence impregnable,
And with their helps only defend ourselves,
In them and in ourselves our safety lies."
—*Anon.*

1814. English defeated at Bergen-op-Zoom.

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1846. Treaty of Lahore signed.
1869. Hudson's Bay Company Territories purchased.

"We of the newer and vaster West,
Where the great war-banners are furled,
And commerce hurries her teeming hosts,
And the cannon are silent along our coasts,
Saxon and Gaul, Canadians claim
A part in the glory and pride and aim
Of the Empire that girdles the world."
—*Wilfred Campbell.*

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1652. Admiral Benbow born.

"Ever victorious over the world;
Honor it, stick to it, keep it unfurled;
Centuries nobly it's floated on high,
O'er earth and ocean, against the blue sky;
O may we evermore keep it unrolled;
What we have conquered we have and we hold;
It shall not be beaten, around it we'll stand,
The flag of our fathers, our King and our Land."
—*Ruth A. Clarke.*

1842. Kandahar occupied.
1863. Marriage of Prince and Princess of Wales (our present King and Queen).

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1709. First London daily paper.
1863. Gen. Sir James Outram died.
1868. Violent hurricane, Mauritius.
1898. Khyber Pass declared open.

"The promises of broken faith
On sands of time are strown;
We bought those promises with death.
What sowed them? Blood! our own.
Across the seas on every strand
The bones of men bleach white,
The sign-posts of our Motherland!
Stand fast, O Guards of right." —*Punch.*

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1656. War declared by England against Spain.

"Greed and fraud, unabashed, unawed,
May strive to sting thee at heel in vain;
Thou art thou, and thy sunbright brow
Is hers that blasted the strength of Spain."
—*Swinburne.*

1682. Chelsea Hospital founded.
1863. Duke of Edinburgh arrived in New South Wales.

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1672. Action between Dutch and British fleets.

"Beyond the stars your sires rejoice,
Who hear to-day this iron clang and rattle,
And they recall the Channel's voice,
Which in old fights gave music to the battle.
For us our Drake with many a brother
Won from the world the robe above all other—
The proud sea waves."
—*Theo. Watts-Dunton.*

1811. Franco-Venetian fleet defeated off Lissa.
1900. Bloemfontein entered by Lord Roberts.

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1757. Admiral Byng shot.
1795. French fleet defeated.

"England must foremost be,
Her sails all harbors whitening,
Till the English brain be still,
And the English hands be dull."
—*M. B. Smith, Canada.*

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1823. Sir John Jervis, Earl St. Vincent, born.

"For us they spoke with actions—not with lips;
For us they gave their manhood to the sword,
These men who went down to the sea in ships,
Or lie beneath the sward."

—*Anon.*

1866. 10,000 Volunteers enrolled to defend Canada against Fenians from U. S. A.

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1731. Great Britain guaranteed the "Pragmatic Sanction."

1901. Royal Yacht *Ophir* sailed from Portsmouth (Imperial Tour T. R. H. Prince and Princess of Wales).

"Pass, Grand Rounds, with the password,
While the world's way rocks and rings,
And your sea-beasts bay a welcome
To the son of our sea-throned kings."

—*Clive Phillipps-Wolley, Canada.*

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St. Patrick's Day.

"Wherever I wander, sweet isle of the ocean,
My thoughts shall still turn to thine emerald shore;
Ah! still shall my heart beat with fondest emotion,
While musing on scenes I shall visit no more.
Adieu, then, dear land of romance and wild story,
Thy welfare and honor forever shall be
The prayer of an exile, whose boast and whose glory,
Is the tie that still binds him, loved country, to thee."

—*Anon.*

1866. Reciprocity Treaty Canada and U. S. annulled.

1885. Windward Islands made Colony.

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1745. Sir Robert Walpole died.

"Ages have rolled since foemen's tread
Passed o'er the old, firm sod;
For well the land hath fealty held
To freedom and to God."

—*Felicia Hemans.*

1766. Stamp Act repealed.
1904. Duke of Cambridge died.

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1817. David Livingstone born.

"Fear no more the heat of the sun,
Nor the stormy winter's rages;
Thou thy earthly task hast done,
Home art gone, and ta'en thy wages."

—*Shakespeare.*

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1727. Sir Isaac Newton died.

"His life was gentle, and the elements
So mixed in him that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world, 'This was a man!'"

—*Shakespeare.*

"He prayeth best who loveth best,
All things both great and small,
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all."

—*Coleridge.*

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1556. Cranmer burned at the stake.
1791. Bangalore taken by Cornwallis.
1801. Battle of Alexandria.
1904. Submarine "A 1" lost.

"We have fed our sea for a thousand years,
And she calls us still unfed,
Though there's never a wave of all her waves
But marks our English dead."

—*Kipling.*

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1858. Lucknow finally captured.

"The Campbells are coming, O-ho, O-ho!
The rebels are running, O-ho!"

"God is not mocked! His law shall run,
His chariot wheels are rolling on;
Who dares to stay them? Let us stand
To clear the path—a steadfast band.
As we have dealt in ages past,
O God, deal Thou with us at last!"

—*London Chronicle.*

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1752. Halifax *Gazette* established, Canada.
1843. Thames Tunnel opened.
1848. Antigua made Crown Colony.
1854. Lord Milner born.
1885. "Riel Rebellion" broke out in Canada.

"But thou, my country, dream not thou,
Wake and behold how night is done,—
How on thy breast and o'er thy brow
Bursts the uprising sun!"

—*C. G. D. Roberts.*

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1387. Flemish fleet defeated.
1603. Queen Elizabeth died.

"O keep Thou us thro' centuries long
In peace secure, in justice strong.
Around our gift of freedom draw
The safeguards of Thy righteous law,
And, cast in some diviner mould,
Let the new cycle shame the old."

—*Anon.*

1843. Hyderabad captured.

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1904. Sir Edwin Arnold died.

"Once more the city of the tower and dome
Bids thee brave welcome to thine early home.
Here—in the old and well-remembered scene,
Here—where thy verse hath rung, thy voice hath been,
Oxford, that sent thee forth, recalls with pride
Once her dear son—and now her guard and guide."

—*Edwin Arnold.*

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1819. Duke of Cambridge born.
1902. Cecil Rhodes died.

"He did bestride the narrow world like a Colossus."

"Men at some time are masters of their fate."

—*Shakespeare.*

"So little done; so much to do,
So many worlds, such things to be."

—*Tennyson.*

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1802. Treaty of Amiens signed.

"England, fair England, Empress Isle of Isles!
Round whom the loving envious ocean plays,
Girdling thy feet with silver and with smiles,
While all the nations crowd thy liberal bays;
England, young England once, and fair as now,
When first thy chalky strand was stirred by Roman prow."

—*Palgrave.*

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1849. Charlotte Bronté died.
1854. Crimean War declared.

"We love not war, but only peace;
But never shall our England's power decrease;
Whoever guides our helm of state,
Let all men know it, England shall be great!"

—*Sir Lewis Morris.*

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1461. Battle of Towton. York won.
1867. British North America Act passed.

"Britain bore us on her flank,
Britain nursed us at our birth,
Britain reared us to our rank,
Mid the nations of the earth.
Stand, Canadians, firmly stand
Round the flag of Motherland!"

—*Jean Talon-Lesperance.*

1889. John Bright died.

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1405. Prince James (I.) of Scotland captured.

"It is a dream I know; yet on the past
Of this dear Britain if in thought we gaze,
About her seems a constant sunshine cast,
In summer calm we see and golden haze."
—*Palgrave.*

1856. Peace with Russia.

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1534. National Church Convocation repudiated Papal authority in England.

1713. Peace of Utrecht (Gibraltar, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Hudson Bay acquired).

"God bless our Empire vast;
O'er it Thy mercy cast
Protecting power;
May every colony,
And each dependency,
Be true to all and Thee—
Their shield and tower."
—*Northern Messenger.*

1821. McGill University established in Montreal.

1861. Kingdom of Italy recognized by Great Britain.

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APRIL

ENGLAND: SHAKESPEARE

"All our past acclaims our future;
  Shakespeare's voice and Nelson's hand,
Milton's faith and Wordsworth's trust,
  In this our chosen and chainless land,
Bear us witness: Come the world against her,
  England yet shall stand.

"Earth and sea bear England witness,
  If he lied who said it; he
Whom the winds that ward her,
  Waves that clasp, and herb, and flower, and tree,
Fed with English dews and sunbeams,
  Hail as more than man may be.

"No man ever spoke as he,
  That bade our England be but true,
Keep but faith with England fast and firm,
  And none should bid her rue;
None may speak as he; but all
  May know the sign that Shakespeare knew."

—*Swinburne.*

APRIL

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1891. Title "Commonwealth" chosen for Australian Confederation.

"English we! shall we hand it on,
The heritage fair that we entered on;
Broad and firm and just as of yore,
Breathing the spirit that formed its core,
For our sons to fulfil their destiny?
That the rolling deep where our fathers sleep,
All the earth their feet have trod,
In the breadth of our children's rule shall be
But as corner-stones to their memory,
Raised by the hand of God."

—*J. Ross-Wetherman.*

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1569. Circulation of blood discovered by Harvey.
1801. Battle of Baltic or Copenhagen.

"Of Nelson and the North,
Sing the glorious day's renown,
When to battle fierce came forth,
All the might of Denmark's Crown.

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Brave hearts! to Britain's pride,
Once so faithful and so true,
On the deck of fame that died,
With the gallant, good Riou."

—*Thos. Campbell.*

1805. General Lake defeated Holkar.
1865. Richard Cobden died.

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1203. Murder of Prince Arthur.
1593. George Herbert born.
1847. Forts of Canton captured.
1908. Torpedo Destroyer *Tiger* lost, Portsmouth.

"There is no land like England,
Where'er the light of day be,
There are no hearts like English hearts,
Such hearts of oak as they be."

—*Tennyson.*

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1774. Goldsmith died.

"As some tall cliff that lifts its awful form,
Swells from the vale and midway leaves the storm,
Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head."

—*Goldsmith.*

1827. Lord Lister (discoverer of antiseptic surgery), born.
1858. Fight of Thansi. Sir Hugh Rose, British leader.
1880. Commission appointed on the Egyptian Debt.
1893. Behring Sea Arbitration Court assembled.

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1795. Sir Henry Havelock born.

"Here lies one who tried to do his duty."

"The roll of honor stretched from sea to sea,
The loyal lands that bred them, the gallant souls that led them,
The deaths they died that Britons might be free."

—*St. James Budget.*

1837. Algernon Charles Swinburne born.
1842. Escape from Jelalabad through Khyber Pass.
1852. Martaban stormed.

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1812. Badajoz carried by assault by British under Wellington, with loss of 5,000 men.
1907. Dr. William Henry Drummond died, Canada.

"This they all with a joyful mind
Bear thro' life like a torch in flame,
And falling, fling to the host behind,
'Play up! play up! and play the game!'"
—*Newbolt.*

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1296. Scots defeated at Dunbar.
1770. Wordsworth born.

"Trailing clouds of glory do we come
From God, who is our home."

"The world is too much with us, late and soon,
Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers."
—*Wordsworth.*

1778. Earl of Chatham died.
1868. Murder of Thomas D'Arcy McGee, Ottawa.

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1898. Battle of Atbara.

"English we! Can you blame us now,
You who have taught us the when and how,
If we learned the lesson of ancient Rome,
To stretch our borders and make our home
On each foot of earth that our arms had won,
From the dawning east to the setting sun?"
—*J. Ross-Wetherman.*

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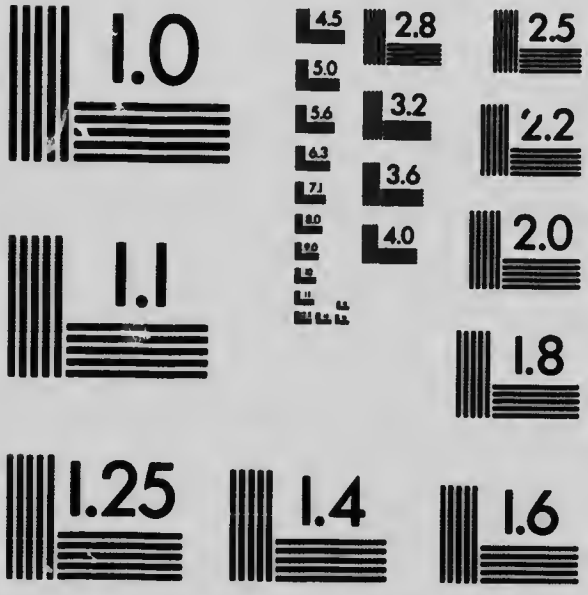

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1626. Lord Bacon died.
1782. Indecisive action between Rodney and De Grasse in the West Indies.

"There's never a flood goes shoreward now
But lifts a keel we manned;
There's never an ebb goes seaward now
But drops our dead on the sand—
If blood be the price of Admiralty,
Lord God, we have paid in full!"

—*Kipling.*

1882. Dante Gabriel Rosetti died.
1904. Anglo-French Convention signed.

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1814. Soult defeated at Toulouse.
1829. General Booth, founder of the "Salvation Army," born.
1834. Coorg annexed.
1902. Burial of Cecil Rhodes in the Matoppo Hills.

"And to the last, a visionary vast,
The aspirant soul would have the body lie
Among the hills immovably exalt. . .
So in his own Matoppos, high, aloof,
The elements for roof,
Stern like himself and unadorned,
From the loud multitude he ruled and scorned,
There let him cease from breath,—
Alone in crowded life, not lonelier in death."

—*Francis Thompson.*

1909. Swinburne died.

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1711. David Hume born.
1713. Treaty of Utrecht signed.
1770. George Canning born.
1809. Naval Victory in the Basque Roads.

"While British ships patrol the deep,
The nations shall be free,
Serene we'll sleep, while Britons keep
The Empire of the sea."

—*J. L. Kelly, New Zealand.*

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1782. Second naval action off Ceylon between Admirals Suffren and Hughes.

1782. Battle of "The Saints," West Indies, won by Rodney.

"Admirals all, they said their say—
The echoes are ringing still;
Admirals all, they went their way
To the haven under the hill;
But they left us a Kingdom none can take,
The realm of the circling sea,
To be held by the rightful sons of Drake,
And the Rodneys yet to be."

—*Henry Newbolt.*

1852. Rangoon annexed.

1877. Transvaal first annexed.

1898. Cardinal Taschereau, Quebec, died.

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1772. Warren Hastings became Governor of Bengal.

1829. Roman Catholic Relief Bill adopted.

1868. Magdala stormed by Sir Robert Napier.

"Our Britain cannot salve a tyrant o'er;
Better the wide Atlantic rolled
On her and us and ours forevermore."

—*Tennyson.*

"Thrice is he armed that hath his quarrel just."

—*Shakespeare.*

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1293. Naval battle in the English Channel between French and English.

"I saw the beacons flying, that filled the world with light,
When down the ancient highway your fathers passed to fight."

—*Newbolt.*

"Others may use the ocean as their road,
Only the English make it their abode."

—*Waller.*

1471. Battle of Barnet. York won. Death of Warwick, the "King-maker."

1793. Tobago taken.

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1795. British army evacuated Holland.
1888. Matthew Arnold died.

"Unaffrighted by the silence round them,
Undistracted by the sights they see,
These demand not that the things about them
Yield them love, amusement, sympathy.
And with joy the stars perform their shining,
And the sea its long, moon-silvered roll,
For self-poised they live, nor pine with noting
All the fever of some differing soul."

—*Matthew Arnold.*

1907. Colonial Conference (fourth) London.

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1746. Culloden. Charles Edward defeated.

"On hills that are by right his ain
He roves a lonely stranger.
On every side he's pressed by want,
On every side is danger.
He row'd him in a Highland plaid,
Which covered him but sparely,
And slept beneath a bush o' broom—
Oh, wae's me for Prince Charlie."

—*William Glen.*

1786. Sir John Franklin born.
1853. First railway laid in India.

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1657. Death of Blake.
1780. Rodney's fleet defeated the French off Dominica.

"I have spread its folds o'er the dying,
Adrift in a hopeless sea;
I have flung it swift o'er the slaver,
And seen the slave set free.

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What is the flag of England?
Ye have but my reefs to dare,
Ye have but my waves to furrow;
Go forth, for it is there."

—*Kipling.*

1892. Hon. Alexander Mackenzie died (Canada).

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1895. Relief of Chitral.

"The river of death has brimmed its banks,
And England's far, and honor a name—
The voice of a schoolboy rallies the ranks—
'Play up, play up—and play the game!'"
—*Newbolt.*

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1775. Engagement at Lexington, U.S.A.
1824. Byron died at Missolonghi, Greece.

"Seek out, less often sought than found—
A soldier's grave, for thee the best;
Then look around, and choose thy ground,
And take thy rest."
—*Byron.*

1850. Clayton-Bulwer Treaty with United States.
1881. Benjamin D'Israeli, Lord Beaconsfield, died (Primrose Day).
1895. Federation Canada and Newfoundland proposed.
1904. Great fire in Toronto.

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1559. Church of England Supremacy Act re-affirmed.

"God bless our Motherland,
May she forever stand,
Home of the free.
Giver of Nations' laws,
First in each noble cause,
Averter still of wars
Make her to be."
—*Northern Messenger.*

1653. Expulsion Long Parliament, Cromwell.
1657. Spanish treasure ships destroyed, Santa Cruz, by Blake.

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1783. Poet Heber born.
1814. Baroness Burdett-Coutts born.
1839. Kandahar.

"The word of remembrance that lightens,
As fire from the steeps of the storm-lit past,
Bids only the faith of our fathers
Endure in us firm as they held it fast;
That the glory which was from the first upon England
Alone may endure to the last."

—*Swinburne.*

1848. Second Sikh War began.

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1662. Royal Society founded.
1707. Last meeting of Parliament of Scotland.
1707. Henry Fielding born.
1854. Odessa bombarded.

"They would mock at her now who of old looked forth
In their fear as they heard her afar,
But loud will your wail be, O Kings of the earth,
When the old land goes down to the war.
Old England still throbs with the muffled fire
Of a past she can never forget;
O ring out the tidings, ye winds of heaven,
There's life in the old land yet!"

—*Gerald Massey.*

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St. George's Day.

306. St. George martyred.
1349. Order of Garter created (Edward III.).
1564. Shakespeare born.
1616. Shakespeare died.

"Yea, England, England, England.
Till honor and valor are dead,
Till the world's great cannons rust,
Till the world's great hopes are dust,
Till faith and freedom be fled; . . . .
To all that is best in the world's unrest,
In heart and mind you are wed."

—*Wilfred Campbell.*

1697. Anson born.
1775. J. M. W. Turner born.
1850. Wordsworth died.

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1731. Defoe died.
1780. San Juan, Honduras, founded.
1885. Fight at Fish Creek, "Riel Rebellion," Canada.

"Never may blight of battle,
Or thundering, steel-girt host,
Sword-clang or war-drum's rattle,
Disturb our peaceful coast.
The bulwarks of our own land,
God and the right shall be,
Our Canada the homeland
Of law and liberty."

—*Anon.*

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1509. Oliver Cromwell born.

"Our ships on every sea,
Keeping the highway free
To all the world.
Peace ships, not war ships these,
Guarding the 'Seven Seas,'
Where'er our flag's unfurled,
May freedom reign."

—*W. G.*

1792. Keble born.
1800. Cowper died.
1892. Preferential Tariff, Canada-Great Britain, adopted at Ottawa.

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1850. Parliament Buildings burned during Riots at Montreal.
1908. Loss of H. M. S. *Gladiator.*

"Sons of the sea, all British born,
Sailing on every ocean, laughing foes to scorn;
They may build their ships, my lads,
And think they know the game,
But they can't build boys of the bulldog breed
Who made old England's name."

—*F. McGlennon.*

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1737. Gibbon born.
1814. Fort York (Toronto) taken by U. S. troops.

"In the hour of pain and dread,
In the gathering of the storm,
Britain raised above our head
Her broad shield and sheltering arm.
Stand, Canadians, firmly stand,
Round the flag of Motherland."

—*Jean Talon-Lesperance.*

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1559. Act of Uniformity passed.
1759. Mutiny on the *Bounty*.
1760. Second Battle of the Plains of Abraham, between Levis and Murray.

"I stood upon the plain
That had trembled when the slain
Hurled their proud, defiant curses at the battle-heated foe.

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What busy feet had trod
Upon the very sod
Where I marshalled the battalions of my fancy to my aid."

—*Chas. Sangster.*

1770. Cook landed at Botany Bay.
1875. Prince of Wales Grand Master of Free Masons (English Grand Lodge, established 1717).

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1758. Indecisive action with French fleet.

"The wars and the woes and the glories,
That quicken and lighten and rain
From the clouds of our chronicled story,
The passion, the pride, and the pain,
Whose echoes were mute, and the token
Was lost of the spells that they spake,
Rise bright at our bidding, unbroken,
Of ages that break."

—*Swinburne.*

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1745. Battle of Fontenoy.

"Courage was mounting in the breast,
And fire in many an eye,
As Britain's gallant host moved on
To conquer or to die."

—*Harriet Wilkins, Canada.*

864. New Plymouth, Maoris.

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MAY

OUR LATE BELOVED QUEEN VICTORIA

The Voice of the Whole Empire in the Last Year of Her Life.

"Mother and Queen, from the golden West
We offer in love at the foot of thy throne
And all we can give thee, our dearest and best,
Flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone.
Take them, Queen of the brave and free;
They come in their love to die for thee.

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"Mother and Queen, our homes were bright
And pure as the air of the sunlit north;
But tears have darkened the women's sight
Since the day that the brothers and sons went forth.
Take them, Queen of the brave and free;
They come in their love to die for thee.

"Mother and Queen of the spotless throne,
Lady and Lord of the sea and land,
Thou makest our far-born sons thine own
By the tender clasp of a woman's hand.
Take them, Queen of the brave and free;
They come in their love to die for thee.

"Mother and Queen, from the strong, glad West,
From the rivers and plains where our children roam,
We give thee our dearest, our bravest, our best;
Take them, Queen of our heart and home.
Asking no bounty, favor, or fee,
They come in their love to die for thee."

—*Frederick George Scott.*

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1672. Addison born.
1707. English and Scotch Parliaments united.
1769. Duke of Wellington born.

"One that sought but duty's iron crown,
And stood four-square to all the winds that blew."

"Mighty seaman, this is he,
Was great by land as thou by sea.
His foes were thine, he kept us free."
—*Tennyson.*

1850. H. R. H. Arthur, Duke of Connaught, born.
1851. Great Exhibition opened in London.
1859. Thanksgiving for end of Indian Mutiny.
1873. Livingstone died.
1876. "Empress of India" proclaimed in London.

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1660. Canada saved from Iroquois by Dollard.

"The fort was fired, and thro' the flames,
With sullen, slippery tread,
The Redmen rushed into the camp
O'er ramparts of the dead.
True to their oath, that gallant band
No quarter basely craved:
So died the peerless twenty-two—
So Canada was saved."
—*George Murray, Canada.*

1842. Chartist Riots in London.

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1655. Jamaica taken from Spain by William Penn.
1747. Naval battle off Finisterre. Anson won.
1841. New Zealand proclaimed separate colony.

"Here by the old world's woes unsmitten,
Free from the gyves of caste and class,
Rises another and brighter Britain,
Proud and free while the ages pass."
—*J. Liddell Kelly, New Zealand.*

1885. Rebels defeated at Battleford, Canada.

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1471. Battle of Tewkesbury.
1783. The United Empire Loyalists withdrew to Canada from U. S.
1799. Seringapatam stormed.

"By the flags that o'er us wave,
All that makes the brave heart brave;
By the ties of home's sweet band,
Sheltered in our native land;
By the ashes of our sires,
By the light of Britain's fires!"
—*Harriet Wilkins.*

1825. Dr. Huxley born.

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1494. Jamaica discovered by Columbus.

"Four hundred years have passed away
Since that distraught, momentous day;
Earthquakes around her shores have raved,
Flags have gone down that o'er her waved,
But still she stands beside the sea
In all her pristine majesty." —*W. Barnett.*

1645. Charles I. surrendered himself to Scots.
1811. Battle of Fuentes d'Onore, Wellington in command.
1824. Rangoon taken.
1897. Sir Alfred Milner arrived at Cape Town.

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1776. Siege of Quebec (by U. S. army) raised by British fleet.

"Ah God! what thunders shook these crags of yore!
What smoke of battle rolled about this place!
Now all is hushed, yet here in dreams once more
We catch the echoes, ringing back from space,
Of God's strokes forging human history."
—*Frederick George Scott.*

1814. Oswego, U.S., captured.
1851. Gold discovered in Australia.
1901. T. R. H. of Cornwall and York arrived at Melbourne.
1907. Dr. Watson (Ian Maclaren) died.

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1603. England and Scotland united under one king.

"It is the land that freemen till,
That sober-suited freedom chose,
The land where, girt with friends or foes.
A man may speak the thing he will.
A land of settled government,
A land of just and old renown,
Where freedom slowly broadens down
From precedent to precedent."
—*Tennyson.*

1765. H. M. S. *Victory* launched at Chatham.
1812. Robert Browning born.
1847. Lord Rosebery born.
1858. Fight at Bareilly, Indian Mutiny.

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1660. Proclamation of Charles II.

"This royal throne of kings, this sceptred isle,
This fortress built by Nature for herself
Against infection and the hand of war,
This precious stone set in a silver sea,
Which serves it in the office of a wall,
Against the envy of less happy lands,
This blessed plot, this earth, this realm, this
England."

—*Shakespeare.*

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1885. Fight at Batoche, Canada.
1901. First Commonwealth Parliament, Australia, opened by the Prince of Wales.

"They have tried the chain that binds us.
And have found its links unworn,
The chain that binds earth's wandering race
To the home where it was born."

—*Clive Phillipps-Wolley.*

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1857. Outbreak of Indian Mutiny at Meerut.

"And how can man die better
Than facing fearful odds,
For the ashes of his fathers
And the temples of his gods?"

—*Macaulay.*

1869. Sir Samuel Baker suppressed the slave trade on the Nile.
1903. Great fire in Ottawa.
1904. Sir H. M. Stanley died.

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1778. Pitt ("Great Commoner," and Earl of Chatham) died.

"Time was when it was praise and boast enough
In every clime, and travel where we might,
That we were born her children; praise enough
To fill the ambition of a private man,
That Chatham's language was his mother-tongue,
And Wolfe's great name compatriot with his own."

—*Wm. Cowper.*

1871. Sir John Herschel died.
1880. Sir Alexander Galt appointed first High Commissioner for Canada in London.

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1641. Strafford executed.
1809. Oporto taken by Wellington.
1820. Florence Nightingale born.

"A perfect woman, nobly planned
To warn, to comfort, to command;
And yet a spirit still and bright,
With something of an angel light."

—*Wordsworth.*

"When pain and sickness rend the brow,
A ministering angel thou."

—*Scott.*

1828. Dante Gabriel Rosetti born.
1843. Natal proclaimed British Territor,

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1264. Battle of Lewes. Barons victorious against King John.

"Fair and dear is the land's face here, and fair man's word as a man's may be,
Dear and fair as the sunbright air is here the record that speaks him free;
Free by birth of a sacred earth, and regent ever of all the sea."

—*Swinburne.*

1607. Jamestown, U.S.A., founded.
1670. Hudson's Bay Company formed.
1842. Sir Arthur Sullivan born.

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1792. Simcoe, first Governor of Upper Canada, arrived at Kingston.

"Fair land of peace! to Britain's rule and throne
Adherent still, yet happier than alone,
And free as happy, and as brave as free,
Proud are thy children, justly proud of thee."

—*Pamelia Vining, Canada.*

1908. Franco-British Exhibition, London, opened.

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1791. Battle of Arikera. Tippoo Sahib defeated.
1847. Daniel O'Connor died.
1885. Riel captured (Canada).

"Growing to full manhood now,
With the care-lines on our brow,
We, the youngest of the Nations,
With no childish lamentations,
Weep, as only strong men weep,
For the noble hearts that sleep
Where the lonely prairies spread,
Where for us they fought and bled,
Our ever loved and glorious dead."

—*Frederick George Scott.*

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1760. Siege of Quebec (by French army) raised by British fleet.

1811. Battle of Albuera.

"Rather than lose that flag we'd choose
Each round his breast to pin it,
And hold it fast till life has passed
From the British heart within it."

—*Truth.*

1835. Felicia Hemans died.
1889. Suburbs of Quebec burned.
1895. Negotiations opened between Canada and Newfoundland.

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1841. Landslide at Quebec.
1893. Failure of banks in Australia.
1900. Relief of Mafeking, General Baden-Powell defender.

"Oh, hearts grown sick with hope delayed!
Oh, men of Britain, not in vain
Ye still have battled undismayed,
And held like steel against the strain!
Wounds, danger, fever, watching, fast,
Despair and death, ye suffered all,
And kept, till rescue came at last,
The Flag above the wall."

—*Bertrand Shadwell.*

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1642. Montreal founded by Maisonneuve.

"Our might shall melt the mountains,
Our commerce gird the seas,
Our forests, fields, and fountains
Give music to the breeze.
Here Scotland's purple thistle
With England's rose shall stand,
The fleur-de-lis shall listen
To the harp of Ireland."

—*Anon.*

1843. Secession of the "Free Church," Scotland.
1909. George Meredith died.

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1649. Commonwealth declared in England.
1652. Dover Strait, Blake defeated the Dutch.

"Ye mariners of England, that guard our native seas,
Whose flag has braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze,

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The spirits of your fathers shall start from every wave,
For the deck it was their field of fame, and ocean was their grave."

—*Campbell.*

1662. Act of Uniformity amended (Prayer Book).
1692. Cape La Hogue, French and Dutch defeated.
1865. Madame Melba born (Melbourne).
1893. Gladstone died.
1906. Last English regiments left Victoria, Canada.

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1503. Ascension Island named by Portuguese.
1756. Minorca taken by France.
1790. Bastia taken.
1799. Acre relieved by Sir Sydney Smith.
1806. John Stuart Mill born.
1811. Successful naval action with French off Madagascar.

"O'er the glad waters of the deep, blue sea,
Our thoughts are boundless and our souls are free.
Far as the breeze can bear, the billows foam,
Survey our Empire, and behold our home."

—*Byron.*

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1502. St. Helena discovered by the Portuguese.
1650. Execution of Montrose.
1688. Alexander Pope born.
1780. Elizabeth Fry born.
1840. Flag raised at Cloudy Bay, New Zealand.

"Last, loneliest, loveliest, exquisite, apart,
On us and ours the unwavering season smiles,
Who wonder, 'mid our fern, why men depart
To seek the happy isles."

—*Kipling.*

1849. Maria Edgeworth died.
1894. Manchester Ship Canal opened by the Queen.

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1455. Wars of the Roses began; first battle St. Albans.

"Oh, many a flag of gaudier hue the fanning breeze may wave,
But none that bears a nobler name, more stainless or more brave;
None that hath led more dauntless men to battle for the right,
None that hath flown more proudly o'er the crimson field of fight."

—*Mrs. Faulkner, Canada.*

1856. First Parliament under Responsible Government, Sydney, N.S.W.
1859. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle born.

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1706. Battle of Ramillies.
1798. Thomas Hood born.
1898. Empire Day first commemorated, Canada. (Originator, Mrs. C. Fessenden, Canada.)

"Remote compatriots, wheresoe'er ye dwell,
By your prompt voices ringing clear and true,
We know that with our England all is well,
Young is she yet, her world-task but begun!
By you we know her safe, and know by you
Her veins are million but her heart is one."

—*Wm. Watson.*

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1819. Her late Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria born.
Victoria Day. (Canada and South Africa.)
Empire Day. (Great Britain, etc.)

"O what's the word that's going round, comrades on parade?
Her Majesty is coming to review the old Brigade;
Tell her what your fathers did you again will do—
True to Her Majesty as she is true to you.

O what's the signal flying, sailors of the fleet?
Man the yards and dress the ships Her Majesty to greet;
Keep the guns in order, lads, keep the flag unfurled,
Thus we'll hold her Empire in the teeth of all the world."

—*F. C. Weatherly.*

1868. Victoria, B.C., founded.

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1659. Richard Cromwell resigned the Protectorship.
1660. The Restoration. Charles II. landed at Dover.
1845. Franklin sailed from Greenwich.

"Green fields of England, wheresoe'er
Across the watery waste we fare,
Your image in our hearts we bear,
Green fields of England, everywhere."

—*Art. Hugh Clough.*

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1679. Habeas Corpus Act became law.
1805. Bulwer Lytton born.
1867. H. R. H. Princess Victoria Mary of Teck (Wales) born.

"The free fair homes of England!
Long, long in hut and hall,
May hearts of native proof be reared
To guard each hallowed wall!
And green forever be the groves,
And bright the flowery sod,
Where first the child's glad spirit loves
Its country and its God."

—*Hemans.*

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1813. Fort George taken by U. S. troops.

"My own Canadian home,
Wherever I may roam,
I love thee best.
Land where our fathers sleep,
Who crossed the stormy deep,
Their memory green we keep
Cherished and blest."

—*Rev. E. H. Dewart.*

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1754. Skirmish between Washington and Jumonville.
1759. Wm. Pitt (Son; Prime Minister when 23 years old) born.
1779. Thomas Moore born.
1845. Great fire in Quebec.
1900. Orange River Colony annexed.

"We can hear our sentries challenge
From every seaward head;
We can see young nations growing
Wherever we sowed our dead."

—*C. Phillipps-Wolley, Canada.*

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1813. Engagement at Sackett's Harbor, U. S. troops defeated.

"Shall we break the plight of youth,
And pledge us to an alien love?
No! we hold our faith and truth,
Trusting to the God above.
Stand, Canadians, firmly stand,
Round the flag of Motherland."
—*Jean Talon-Lesperance.*

1900. Johannesburg captured.

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1431. Joan of Arc burned at the stake at Rouen.
1520. Field of the Cloth of Gold.
1744. Alexander Pope died.

"Honor and shame from no condition rise;
Act well your part, there all the honor lies."
—*Alex. Pope.*

"The evil that men do lives after them,
The good is oft interred with their bones."
—*Shakespeare.*

1857. Mutiny broke out at Lucknow.
1898. Wei-Hai-Wei occupied by Great Britain.

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1838. Lord Durham arrived in Canada.

"The fathers of our Nation
Have builded true and strong
On broad and deep foundations
Of valor, truth and song;
They came while yet 'twas morning,
They throned the true and best,
And bonds and barriers scorning,
They dared the doubtless West."
—*Anon.*

1878. Great fire in Peshawar.

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JUNE

WATERLOO: WELLINGTON

"There was a sound of revelry by night,
And Belgium's capital had gathered then
Her beauty and her chivalry, and bright
The lamps shone o'er fair women and brave men.

. . . . . .

But hark! a heavy sound breaks in once more,
As if the clouds its echo would repeat;
And nearer, clearer, deadlier than before!
Arm! arm! it is—it is—the cannon's opening roar!

"Ah! then and there was hurrying to and fro,
And gathering tears, and tremblings of distress,
And cheeks all pale, which but an hour ago
Blushed at the praise of their own loveliness.

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And there was mounting in hot haste; the steed,
The mustering squadron and the clattering car
Went pouring forward with impetuous speed,
And swiftly forming in the ranks of war;

"And Ardennes waves above them her green leaves,
Dewy with nature's tear-drops, as they pass,
Grieving, if aught inanimate e'er grieves,
Over the unreturning brave—alas!
Ere evening to be trodden like the grass
Which now beneath them, but above shall grow
In its next verdure, when this living mass
Of fiery valor rolling on the foe,
And burning with high hope, shall smoulder, cold
and low."

—*Byron.*

JUNE

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1794. Naval engagement with the French fleet in the English Channel, won by Lord Howe.

"Remember Lord Howe and his fighting men,
And the place they won for England then;
Still ours to hold, let come what may
From the corners four of the world to-day.
Not one or many shall make us rue,
Heart of Great Britain, if thou be true!"

—*Lt.-Col. A. W. A. Pollock.*

1813. Action between the *Shannon* and *Chesapeake*. English won.
1829. West Australia founded.
1840. Thomas Hardy born.
1866. Fenian Raid from U. S. into Canada.
1879. Prince Imperial (of France) killed in Zululand. (A volunteer in British forces.)
1902. Peace proclaimed in South Africa.
1908. General Buller died.

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1653. Naval battle with Dutch off North Foreland.
1692. Port Royal destroyed by earthquake.
1782. Hyder Ali defeated.
1866. Fight at Ridgeway, Fenian Raid, Canada.

"Canadian blood has dyed Canadian soil,
For Britain's honor that we deemed our own."

—*Agnes Maule Machar.*

"I know a land whose boast is not in warfare,
But peaceful homes and people pure in heart;
Yet ere a foe should harm her fame or welfare,
In her defence her sons with life would part."

—*S. Wallace.*

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1804. Richard Cobden born.
1857. Mutiny at Benares suppressed.
1865. H. R. H. George, Prince of Wales, born.

"Among our ancient mountains,
And from our lovely vales,
Oh! let the prayer re-echo,
'God bless the Prince of Wales.'"
—*George Linley.*

"An Empire's hearty greeting take,
Heir to a mighty throne;
Thrice welcome for old England's sake,
Our Sovereign's and thine own."
—*H. M. Johnson.*

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1441. Eton founded.

"Still the reaches of the river, still the light on field and hill,
Still the memories held aloft as lamps for hope's young fire to fill,
Shine, and while the light of England lives, shall shine for England still.

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Bright with names that men remember, loud with names that men forget,
Haply here shall England's record be what England finds it yet."
—*Swinburne.*

1878. Cyprus ceded by Turkey for administration. Sir Garnet Wolseley, Lord High Commissioner.

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1813. Battle of Stony Creek. U. S. troops defeated.
1833. Sir Garnet Wolseley born.
1854. Reciprocity Treaty concluded between Canada and the United States.
1900. Pretoria entered bv Lord Roberts.

"Steadily, shoulder to shoulder,
Cheerily, blade by blade,
Ready and strong, marching along,
Like the boys of the old Brigade."
—*O. Barry.*

1909. Opening of Imperial Press Conference, London.

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1813. Battle of Burlington Heights.
1891. Sir John Macdonald died.
"A British subject I was born—a British subject I will die."

"O the land of the Maple is the land for me,
The land of the stalwart, the brave and the free.
The Rose and the Thistle, the Shamrock and Lis,
All bloom in one garden, 'neath the Maple tree."
—*Godfrey, Canada.*

1909. Australia offered "Dreadnought" to Gr. Britain.

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1329. Robert Bruce died.
1832. First Reform Bill passed.
1866. First Home Rule (for Ireland) Bill rejected.
1896. Firkeh. (Victory won by Egyptian soldiers trained by British.)
"It was not a Duke, nor Earl, nor yet a Viscount—
It was not a big brass General who came,
But a man in khaki kit who could handle men a bit,
With his bedding labelled 'Sergeant What's-his-name.'"
—*Kipling.*

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1376. Death of the Black Prince.
1776. U. S. force repulsed at Three Rivers.
1829. Sir John Millais born.
1866. First Parliament met at Ottawa.

"Are we to be the sun or moon,
The orb of strength or cold decay?
We tread the brink—it must be soon—
Our footsteps lead to night or day.
And from our wide Dominions spread,
Comes, like the breath of spring, reply:
True to gray isles and fountain-head,
We choose the sun in cloudless sky."

—*R. C. Russell.*

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1756. Engagement at Fort Duquesne.
1781. George Stephenson born.
1870. Charles Dickens died.

"He has gone forth, and left us but his name,
And this cold clay to fill the silent tomb;
But passing years shall never dim his fame,
Nor love forget him in their gathering gloom."

—*Arthur Weir, Canada.*

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1722. Gale at Table Bay, 660 lives lost.
1829. First Oxford-Cambridge boat race.
1832. Sir Edwin Arnold born.
1859. Crystal Palace opened.
1896. Eruption of Mount Tarawera, New Zealand.
1901. Prince and Princess of Wales arrived at New Zealand.
1906. Richard Seddon (Premier of New Zealand) died.

"As truth led that strong soul where'er it would,
Onward thro' strife to honor without stain,
So is he brought thro' ocean's solitude
With but the billows for his funeral train."

—*Arthur Weir.*

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1292. Roger Bacon died.
1666. "Four days' Battle" with the Dutch.
1685. Monmouth landed at Lyme Bay.
1847. Franklin died in the Arctic regions.

"Not here. The white north hath thy bones, and thou,
Heroic sailor soul,
Art passing on thy happier voyage now
To no mere earthly pole."

—*Tennyson.*

1851. Mrs. Humphry Ward born (Tasmania).
1901. Prince and Princess of Wales arrived at Auckland.

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1783. Rye House Plot discovered.
1802. Harriet Martineau born.
1819. Canon Kingsley born.
1842. Dr. Arnold (of Rugby) died.

"Beyond the book their teaching sped,
They left on whom they taught the trace
Of kinship with the deathless dead,
And faith in all the Island race.
They passed—their lives an echo seemed,
Their part from wealth and power was far,
But their hearts were nigh to the end and dreamed
Of the strength and splendor of England's war."

—*Newbolt.*

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1665. Naval fight off Lowestoft with Dutch.

"Thy banner floats unquestioned on the deep,
For honor gathers on its ample fold;
And glory, which seems perilous to keep,
The nations own, and wonder to behold."

—*Henry Halloran, Australia.*

1673. Fort Frontenac (now Kingston), Canada, founded.
1873. Fight with Ashantees at Elmina.
1878. Congress of Berlin.
1886. Vancouver burned.

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1645. Battle of Naseby.

"We are touched to tears, as the heart is touched
By the sound of an ancient tune,
At the name of an isle in the Western seas
With the rose on her breast of June."
—*Harold Begbie.*

1909. Offer of a "Dreadnought" to the Admiralty by New Zealand.

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1215. Magna Charta signed at Runnymede.

"Far from this hill of time, this vantage ground of position,
Look we back to the past, and on to the coming years,
And the signs of a nation's life, its Titan throes of ambition,
The ponderous strength of its struggle, its toil and tears."
—*Mary Barry Smith, Canada.*

1846. Oregon Boundary surrendered to U. S. by Great Britain.

16

1722. Marlborough died.

"Some men with swords may reap the field,
But their strong nerves at last must yield;
Early or late, they stoop to fate.
Only the actions of the just
Smell sweet and blossom in the dust."
—*Shirley.*

1743. Battle of Dettingen.

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304. St. Alban (first English martyr).

"They never fail who die in a great cause.
Their spirits walk abroad and do conduct
The world at last to freedom."

—*Byron.*

"O England! be thou wise as strong,
Towering above the envious throng,
Thy watchword this and battle-song—
For God and right."

—*Anon.*

1703. John Wesley born.
1775. Battle of Bunker Hill.
1804. Sovereignty proclaimed over Middle Island, New Zealand.
1824. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals established.

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1429. Joan of Arc defeated English army.
1812. War declared by U. S. against England.
1815. Battle of Waterloo.

"That world's great earthquake—Waterloo."

—*Tennyson.*

"Thou first and last of fields—King-making victory."

—*Byron.*

"Last noon beheld them full of lusty life,
Last eve in beauty's circle proudly gay;
The midnight brought the signal sound of strife,
The morn, the marshalling in arms, the day—
Battle's magnificently stern array."

—*Byron.*

1888. Heligoland ceded to Germany.

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1756. Black Hole of Calcutta (Surajah Dowlah imprisoned 143 British subjects).

"Upon such a shrine
What are our petty griefs? Let me not number mine."

—*Byron.*

"When the trumpet of the angel
Sounds eternity's evangel,
Time will seem to them not long."

—*Elizabeth Barrett Browning.*

1842. Shanghai taken.
1858. Gwalior re-taken.

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1837. Accession of Queen Victoria.
1887-97. Golden and Diamond Jubilees.

"God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far-flung battle-line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine,
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet—
Lest we forget—lest we forget."

—*Kipling.*

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1610. Henry Hudson died.
1675. Corner Stone of St. Paul's Cathedral laid. (First building, A.D. 226.)

"Our hearts God hath made of English dust,
And mixed it with none beside,
That we might love with an endless love
The land where our kings abide."

—*Begbie.*

1749. Halifax, Canada, founded.
1764. Quebec *Gazette* established.
1813. Battle of Vittoria.
1826. Lord Dufferin born.
1887. Zululand made Protectorate.

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1799. Mysore partitioned.
1845. Richard Seddon born.
1877. Great fire, St. John, N.B.
1893. Loss of H. M. S. *Victoria.*

"Wind may not breathe, nor wild wave sweep
Where sleep not England's dead."

"O high-beating hearts that are stilled in the deep
Unknown treasure caves of the ocean!
There, where storms cannot vex, our brave seamen are laid
In their silent, heroic devotion."—*Palgrave.*

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1757. Battle of Plassey won by Clive. (British, 3,000: Hindoos, 68,000.)
1857. Defence of "The Ridge," Delhi.

"We hold a vaster Empire than has been—
Nigh half the race of man is subject to our Queen!
Nigh half the wide, wide world is ours in fee!
And where her rule comes, all are free."
—*Sir Lewis Morris.*

1813. Laura Secord's heroic journey to warn FitzGibbon.
1894. H. R. H. Prince Edward of Wales born.

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ST. JOHN BAPTIST'S DAY.

1314. Robert Bruce won battle of Bannockburn.

"What is the white on our flag, boys?
The honor of our land,
Which burns in our sight like a beacon-light,
And stands while the hills shall stand."
—*Frederick George Scott.*

1340. Battle of Sluys.
1497. Newfoundland discovered by Cabot.
1643. John Hampden died.
1813. Beaver Dams. U. S. detachment captured by FitzGibbon.
1850. Lord Kitchener born.

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1859. Taku forts bombarded.
1872. Lord Dufferin reached Canada.
1908. Pan-Anglican Thank-offering, St. Paul's Cathedral (200 Bishops present as delegates).

"All thanks and praise to God
The Father now be given;
The Son, and Him who reigns
With Them in highest Heaven:
The One Eternal God, whom Heaven and earth adore,
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.
Amen."

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1803. British troops massacred at Colombo.
1846. Corn Law Bill repealed.
1857. Victoria Crosses first presented.
1857. Burning of steamer *Montreal*, at Quebec.
1902. Coronation of King Edward postponed.

"Sovereign of the hosts of Heaven, Lord of all the powers that be,
Only Ruler of earth's princes, Heavenly King, we cry to Thee,
And with us unnumbered voices raise the prayer that still is one,
From the shores of every ocean—save and bless Victoria's son."

—*Rev. E. A. Welch, England.*

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1746. Flora Macdonald born.

"Cam ye by Athol, lad wi' the philabeg,
Down by the Tummel or banks of the Gary?
Saw ye our lads, wi' their bonnets an' white cockades,
Leaving their mountains to follow Prince Charlie.
Follow thee, follow thee, wha wadna follow thee?
Lang hast thou loved and trusted us fairly;
Charlie, Charlie, wha wadna follow thee?
King of the Highland hearts, bonnie Prince Charlie."

—*James Hogg.*

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1806. Sir Henry Lawrence born.
1838. Coronation of Queen Victoria.
1845. Quebec burned.
1855. Lord Raglan died, Crimea.
1857. The Well of Cawnpore.

"The quick and dead in one from the red shambles borne,
Maiden and child in that dark grave they throw—
Our well of woe!
O spot on which we gaze thro' time's all-softening haze,
In peace on them at peace, and taken home to God,
O whether 'neath the sod,
On sea, or desert sand, what care if that release
From the dark shadow-land, thro' pathways dim,
Bears us to Him."

—*Palgrave.*

1894. Colonial Conference held at Ottawa.

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1688. Trial of the Seven Bishops.

"To those great souls who dreamed the splendid dream!
And in high thought achieved, where others turned
And feared to tread: whose prophet sight discerned
The orbed effulgence of the haloed beam
That glimmered in dim distance."

—*Blanche Murison, Canada.*

1850. Koh-i-noor Diamond arrived in England.
1878. Second Lambeth Conference.

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1690. French defeated English fleet off Beachy Head.
1852. Representative Government granted to New Zealand.

"All love and loyalty to thee,
Thou sceptred mistress of the sea,
Bright are the records of thy fame,
And glory circles round thy name."

—*John Scoble.*

1860. Fight at Taranaki, New Zealand.
1894. Tower Bridge opened.

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JULY

DOMINION OF CANADA, 1867

THE MAPLE LEAF FOREVER.

"In days of yore from Britain's shore
Wolfe, the dauntless hero, came,
And planted firm Britannia's flag
On Canada's fair domain.
There may it wave, our boast, our pride,
And, joined in love together,
The Thistle, Shamrock, Rose entwine
The Maple Leaf forever!

"The Maple Leaf, our emblem dear,
The Maple Leaf forever.
God save our King and Heaven bless
The Maple Leaf forever!"

—*Alex. Muir, Toronto.*

O CANADA!

Translation.

"O Canada! our fathers' land of old,
Thy brow is crowned with leaves of red and gold.
Beneath the shade of holy Cross
Thy children own their birth,
No stains thy glorious annals gloss,
And valor shields thy hearth.
Our mighty patriot shout ever shall ring,
As in the days of old, 'For Christ and the King.'"

—*Hon. Judge Routhier, Quebec.*

JULY

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1534. Landing of Jacques Cartier at Esquimaux Bay.
1690. Battle of the Boyne.
1781. Hyder Ali defeated.
1850. Victoria, Australia, created separate colony.
1854. First Parliament met, Cape Colony.
1867. Dominion of Canada proclaimed.

"May God preserve thee, Canada, the child
among the nations;
'Mid proudest lands, strong hearts, strong
hands shall win for thee a station,
Tho' we may never read the page that tells
thy deeds of glory,
When nations now in prime of age have with
the years grown hoary.
Land of the forest and the lake, land of the
rushing river,
Our prayers shall rise for thy dear sake, for-
ever and forever."

—*R. S. Ambrose.*

"All the future lies before us,
Glorious in that sunset land."

—*Frederick George Scott.*

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1644. Battle of Marston Moor.
1760. Wandewash, French defeated by Sir Eyre Coote.

"English we! and the race is young;
Years we were silent and gave no tongue,
Calm in our strength, till you hemmed us in
With a ring of steel and the ceaseless din
Of threatening war. 'Tis for you to say
If the brood of the mastiff forced a way."
—*J. Ross-Wetherman.*

1850. Sir Robert Peel died.
1867. Lord Monck appointed first Governor of Canada.
1878. End of Kaffir War.

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1558. Battle of Gravelines.
1608. Quebec founded by Champlain.

"Ye, too, whose fathers from once royal France
First plied the shuttle of our destiny,
Come tread with him the pathway of romance,
Who from sweet vineyards of fair Brittany
Set his frail vessel toward a life of shock,
Through perilous seas of undivided foam,
And in the shadow of this frowning rock
Laid the foundation of our boundless home."
—*W. P. Osborne.*

1814. Battle of Chippewa, Canada.

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1806. Engagement at Maida Hill.
1857. Sir Henry Lawrence died.

"For those who went for Empire and for right,
To brave the battle and to face the fight,
And keep the flag triumphant in its might,
Good Lord, we praise Thee."
—*Katharine Kirchhoffer.*

1879. Battle of Ulundi. Zulus conquered.
1893. Responsible Government granted to Natal.

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1840. Island of Chusan occupied.
1853. Cecil John Rhodes born.

"They that mis-said
This man yet living, praise him dead.
Not that high things for gold
He held were bought and sold,
That statecraft's means approved are by the end;
But for the dreams,
For those impossible gleams
He half made possible; for that he was
Visioner of vision in a most sordid day."
—*Francis Thompson.*

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1685. Battle of Sedgmoor.

"Farewell to thee, Scotland, thy verdure is blighted,
Thy daisies are steeped in the blood of the brave;
And they, who thy wrongs with the sword should have righted,
Are tossed like fugitive serfs on the wave.
The chieftains and heroes who followed their banner
Are pining in dungeons and bleaching on walls,
Or, stripped of their all, saving conscience and honor,
The grass growing rank on their hearths and their halls."
—*David Vedder.*

1835. Gen. Sir George White born.
1893. Marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

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1782. Third battle in the Indian Ocean between Suffren and Hughes.

"Was not the sea made for the free,
Land for courts and chains alone?
Here we are slaves, but on the waves
Truth and liberty's all our own."
—*Thomas Moore.*

1809. Senegal and Garee taken.
1816. Richard Brinsley Sheridan died.
1897. Colonial Premiers made members of Privy Council.

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1758. Ticonderoga captured by General Amherst.
1822. Shelley drowned.
1836. Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain born.

"By my house and thy house hang half the world's fate,
On thy house and my house lie half the world's hate;
If my house be taken, thine tumbleth anon,
If thy house be forfeit, mine followeth soon."
—*Kipling.*

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1228. Stephen Langton died.
1759. Braddock defeated at Fort Duquesne.
1797. Hallam born.
1797. Edmund Burke died.

"Can storied urn or animated bust
Back to its mansion call the fleeting breath?
Can honor's voice provoke the silent dust,
Or flattery soothe the dull, cold ear of death?"
—*Gray.*

1847. Earl of Minto, Viceroy of India, born.
1852. Prome annexed.
1892. Fire at St. John's, Newfoundland.

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1460. Battle of Northampton. York won.
1667. Peace of Breda signed.

"'Tis the flag that has waved o'er each action of fame—
Where'er it is planted there freedom will reign,
While valor and vigor our sons shall retain,
No sign of dishonor that banner shall stain."
—*James Conmee, Canada.*

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1708. Battle of Oudenarde.

"'It was the English,' Kaspar cried,
'Who put the French to rout,
But what they killed each other for
I could not well make out.
But everybody said,' quoth he,
'That 'twas a famous victory.'"
—*Robert Southey.*

1812. U. S. troops invaded Canada.
1839. Lord Wolseley born.

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1174. Alnwick. William "the Lion," of Scotland, captured.
1870. Harbor and docks completed, Cape Town.
1882. Alexandria bombarded by Admiral Seymour.

"As in their pride our fathers died,
If need be so die we.
So wield we still, gainsay who will,
The empire of the sea."
—*Herman Merivale.*

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1795. Action off Hyères. Admiral Hotham.

"Far flies the Flag on myriad seas,
The wide world's awe and wonder,
This Flag of Britain's victories,
Whose folds our dead die under."
—*Wilfred Campbell.*

1829. First Legislative Council met at Sydney, N.S.W.

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1795. Simon's Town, S.A., occupied by Dutch.

"Hail! snatched and bartered oft from hand to hand,
I dream my dream by rock and heath and pine,
Of Empire to the northward; aye, one land
From Lion's Head to line."
—*Kipling.*

1892. Terrible cyclone swept over Mauritius.

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1685. Execution of the Duke of Monmouth.

1815. Napoleon surrendered to English Government on board H. M. S. *Bellerophon.*

"He thought to quell the stubborn hearts of oak,
Madman! to chain with chains and bind with bands
That island queen that sways the floods and lands
From Ind to Ind, but in fair daylight woke,
When from her wooden walls, lit by sure hands,
With thunders, and with lightnings and with smoke,
Peal after peal, the British battle broke."
—*Tennyson.*

1870. North-West Territories added to Dominion of Canada.

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1535. Sir Thomas More executed.

"All hail my country! hail to thee,
Thou birthplace of the brave and free,
Thou ruler upon land and sea:
Britannia!
Hold fast the soul of thy renown,
The gems immortal in thy crown,
The sun that never shall go down:
Britannia!"
—*Alex. McLachlan.*

1723. Sir Joshua Reynolds born.

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1810. Isle of Bhé taken.
1857. Cawnpore captured by Havelock.

"For those who lie within a soldier's grave,
The Empire's sons, the valiant and the brave,
Who gave their lives the Empire's life to save,
Good Lord, we praise thee."
—*Katharine Kirchhoffer, Canada.*

1863. Battle with Maoris at Koheroa.

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1811. William Makepeace Thackeray born.

"All hail to the chiefs of thought
Who wield the mighty pen
That light may at last be brought
To the darkened souls of men;
To the gifted men who preach,
To the humble bards who sing,
To all the minds that teach
In truth's enchanted ring."
—*Alex. McLachlan, Canada.*

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1333. Scots defeated at Halidon Hill.
1545. Naval battle off Spithead.
1588. Spanish Armada sighted.

"Attend, all ye who list to hear
Our noble England's praise,
I tell of the thrice-famous deeds
She did in ancient days;
When that great fleet, 'invincible,'
Against her bore in vain
The richest spoils of Mexico,
The stoutest hearts of Spain."—*Macaulay.*

1905. Canadian Manufacturers' Association received by the King.

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1808. Battle of Baylen.
1875. Pan-Presbyterian Congress held in London.
1908. Tercentenary celebration of the founding of Quebec.

"But here the clarion sounds to arms no more,
The smoke and thunder of the battle cease;
O'er grass-grown altars of ancestral war
Shall rise the angel of abiding peace.
The ensign of our nation—through the strife
Of other peoples—brooding calm and still
Above the cradle of her earliest life,
Our old gray city set upon a hill."

—*W. P. Osborne.*

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1483. Battle of Shrewsbury. The "Percies" defeated.
1783. Sir William Russell executed.
1796. Robert Burns died.

"The great now are gone, who attempted to save;
The green grass is growing abune their grave:
Yet the sun thro' the mist seems to promise to me.
I'll shine on ye yet in your ain countrie.
Hame, hame, hame, hame fain wad I be!
O hame, hame, hame, to my ain countrie!"

—*Burns.*

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1298. Battle of Falkirk. Wallace defeated.

"Scots, wha hae wi' Wallace bled,
Scots, wham Bruce has often led,
Welcome to your gory bed,
Or to victory.
Wha will be a traitor knave?
Wha can fill a coward's grave?
Wha sae base as be a slave?
Let him turn and flee."

—*Robert Burns.*

1812. Battle of Salamanca.

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1637. Scotland repudiated the Episcopal Church.

"O dear to our souls as the blessings of Heaven
Is the freedom we boast, and that land that we live in—
The land of red heather and thistle so green.
For that land and that freedom our fathers have bled,
And we swear by the blood that our fathers have shed,
No foot of a foe shall e'er tread on their grave;
But the thistle shall bloom on the bed of the brave.
The thistle of Scotland, the thistle so green."

—*Anon.*

1839. Battle of Ghuznee.
1858. Jewish Disabilities Bill became law.
1878. Administration of Cyprus conceded.

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1704. Gibraltar taken by Admiral Rooke.

"At sunrise the Flag of the brave was unfurled
On the Citadel famous in story;
And the trumpet whose notes ring with day
round the world
Pealed its heart-stirring summons to glory."

1759. Fort Niagara taken.
1797. Unsuccessful attempt on Santa Cruz.
1903. Tumut chosen Capital of Australia.
1908. Dedication of Quebec battlefields by H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

WOLFE—MONTCALM.

"Valor gave them a common death,
History a common fame,
Posterity a common monument."

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306. Emperor Constantine died at York.
1758. French fleet destroyed at Louisbourg by Boscawen.
1814. Lundy's Lane, Canada.

"What is the red on our flag, boys?
The blood of our heroes slain
On the burning sands, in the wild, waste lands,
And the froth of the purple main;
And it cries to God from the crimson sod,
And the crest of the waves outrolled,
That He send us men to fight again
As our fathers fought of old."
—*Frederick George Scott.*

1834. Coleridge died.
1848. Rt. Hon. Arthur Balfour born.
1909. First aeroplane crossed English Channel from France.

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1666. Naval victory over Dutch.
1758. Louisbourg captured by Wolfe.

"You, you, if you should fail to understand
What England is, and what her all in all,
On you will come the curse of all the land
Should this old England fall.

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Her island's millions fed from alien lands,
Her dauntless army scattered and so small,
The fleet of England is her all in all,
Her fleet is in your hands,
And in her fleet, *our* fate."

—*Tennyson.*

1839. Khyber Pass forced.

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1694. Bank of England incorporated.
1866. Atlantic Cable completed.

"A belt of thought has spanned the deep,
While storms above resistless roll,
Across a dim and undiscovered land
Soul speaks to soul."

1880. Maiwand. Afghans defeated British troops.

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1809. Talavera, Peninsular War.

"That rent is Talavera, that patch is Inkerman;
A hundred times in a hundred climes
The battle round them ran;
But that is an ended story,
They will not go to-day,
Hang them above as a link of love
Where the women come to pray."

—*London "Outlook."*

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1558. Spanish Armada defeated by English fleet under Effingham.

"This England never did nor ever shall
Lie at the proud foot of a conqueror."
—*Shakespeare.*

"When Britain first, at Heaven's command,
Arose from out the azure main,
This was the charter of the land,
And guardian angels sang the strain:
Rule, Britannia! Britannia rules the waves!
Britons never shall be slaves!"
—*Jas. Thomson.*

1629. Quebec taken by Kirke.

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1779. U. S. fleet destroyed.

"A wet sheet and a flowing sea,
A wind that follows fast,
And fills the white and rustling sail,
And bends the gallant mast;
The wind is piping loud, my boys,
The lightning flashes free—
The hollow oak our palace is,
Our heritage the sea."
—*Allan Cunningham.*

1860. Prince of Wales (King Edward) landed at Halifax.

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1718. Naval Victory off Passaro, won by Byng.
1759. Wolfe's attack on Montmorenci.

"Afar Quebec exalts her crest on high,
Her rocks and battlements invade the sky;
And on the highest point, where birds scarce rise,
The Flag of England floats amid the skies."
—*William Kirby, Canada.*

1771. Thomas Gray died.
1879. Rebels defeated at Malakand.

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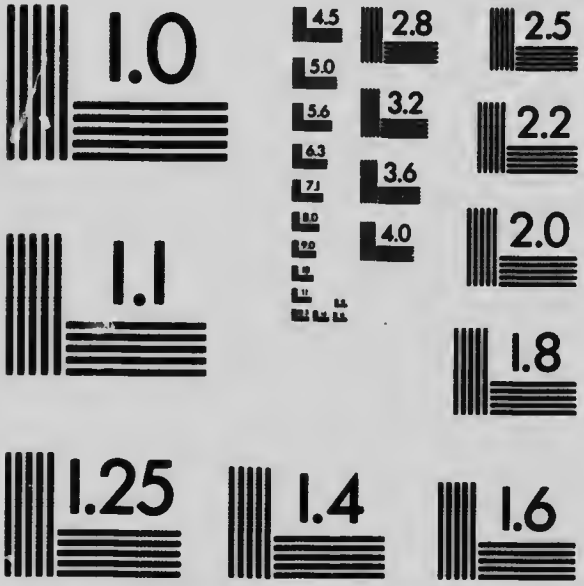

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AUGUST

PLASSEY—CLIVE—DELHI

"Lord, by whose might the Heavens stand,
The Source from whom they came,
Who holdest nations in Thy hand,
And call'st the stars by name,
Thine ageless forces do not cease
To mould us as of yore—
The chiselling of the arts of peace,
The anvil-strokes of war.

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"Lord, turn the hearts of cowards who prate,
Afraid to dare or spend,
The doctrine of a narrower state
More easy to defend;
Not this the watchword of our sires
Who breathed with ocean's breath,
Not this our spirit's ancient fires
Which naught could quench but death.

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"Great God, uphold us in our task,
Keep pure and clean our rule,
Silence the honeyed words which mask
The wisdom of the fool.
The pillars of the world are thine;
Pour down Thy bounteous grace,
And make illustrious and divine
The sceptre of our race."

—*Frederick George Scott, Canada.*

AUGUST

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1757. Assault of natives on "The Ridge," Delhi.
1759. Battle of Minden.
1798. Battle of the Nile. Nelson.

"There's a far bell ringing
At the setting of the sun,
And a phantom voice is singing
Of the great days done;
There's a far bell ringing,
And a phantom voice is singing,
Of renown forever clinging
To the great days done." —*Newbolt.*

1834. Slavery abolished throughout the Empire.
1898. Preferential tariff between Canada and Great Britain came into effect.

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1704. Battle of Blenheim.

"Though half the nations hate them, and would joy at their decline,
Yet there's something in the British after all;
Even those who hate them most respect the thin red British line,
Yes, and fear their scant battalions after all;
For they know that from the colonel to the drummer in the band,
There is not a single soldier of them all
But would go to blind destruction, were his country to command,
And just call it simply—Duty after all."
—*Anon.*

1788. Thomas Gainsborough died.
1800. Last meeting of Irish Parliament.
1858. India Bill passed.

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1347. Calais taken.
1813. French armies driven over Pyrenees.
1881. Transvaal restored to Boers.

BURIAL OF THE FLAG, 1881.

"Come from the four great winds and give
Our mighty slain
Life by thy breath, that it may live
To rise again.

1899.

"Hark from the distant veldt at last
The signal comes,
Sternly the British line moves past
With rolling drums." —*M. H. B.*

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1265. Battle of Evesham. Death of Simon de Montfort.
1598. Lord Burleigh died.
1666. Naval fight off the North Foreland with Dutch fleet.

"The waves in many a fight have closed
Above our faithful dead,
The red-cross flag victoriously
Hath floated o'er their bed." —*Hemans.*

1778. Gwalior taken.
1792. Percy Bysshe Shelley born.
1806. East India docks opened.

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1583. St. John's, Newfoundland, taken by Sir H. Gilbert.

"What if the day be short or long,
What if come stormy weather,
What if our foes around us lie
Thick as the stars in summer sky,
Britons we'll stand together!" —*C. N. M.*

1781. Naval battle off the Dogger Bank. Parker defeated Dutch.
1809. Alfred, Lord Tennyson, born.
1812. Brownstown. U. S. forces defeated by Tecumseh.
1833. *Royal William* (first Atlantic steamship) sailed from Quebec.

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1637. Ben Jonson died.
1689. Massacre of Lachine, Canada.

"They saw beyond the dream,
Those gallant hearts who suffered and went down
Before the portals of their high emprise.
They still could smile in spite of fortune's frown,
And live the hopes they might not realize.
Now from their trodden dust for their renown
The flowers of fruition bloom and rise."
—*Blanche Murison, Canada.*

1809. Kinglake born.
1820. Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal born.

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1904. British Expedition arrived at Lhassa, Thibet.

"Ofttimes, when trivial things hold sway,
And mutterings of petty men,
Cast in a mould of craven clay,
Would screen the great things from our ken.
Dreams of our dead in Abbey walls,
Graves on the veldt and tombless sea,
Of Pioneers whom Empire calls
Her precious seed, rise up to me."
—*R. C. Russell.*

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1843. Natal annexed.

"Strong are we? Make us stronger yet.
Great? Make us greater far.
Our feet antarctic oceans fret,
Our crown the polar star.
Round earth's wild coasts our batteries speak.
Our highway is the main,
We stand as guardians of the weak,
We burst the oppressor's chain."
—*Frederick George Scott.*

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1631. John Dryden born.
1757. Massacre of Fort William Henry.
1842. Ashburton Treaty signed.
1880. March from Cabul to Kandahar begun.
1902. Coronation of His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII.

"Save, O God, our King and bless him,
Throned, anointed, crowned to-day,
Where for thirty generations
Thou hast heard our fathers pray;
There beside the ancient river,
In the far-off Motherland,
Where in all its stately splendor
Stands the minster gray and grand."

—*Rev. E. A. Welch, England.*

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1388. Battle of Otterburn or Chevy Chase.
1535. Discovery of the St. Lawrence River.

"Threading the maze of the isles,
Shimmering, shivering ever,
Wearing a wreathlet of smiles,
Rolls the great river.

. . . . . .

Past the grim fortress and plain,
Linked with brave Wolfe and his story,
Singing in pæan's refrain
Canada's glory."

—*R. L. Jones, Canada.*

1675. Greenwich Observatory founded.
1866. Straits Settlements made separate dependency.

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1512. Indecisive naval action with French in the Bay of Biscay.

1890. Cardinal Newman died.

"Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom.
Lead thou me on.
The night is dark, and I am far from home;
Lead thou me on.

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So long thy power hath blessed me, sure it still
Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile." —*Newman.*

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1774. Robert Southey born.

1787. First colonial bishop consecrated (Dr. Inglis, Nova Scotia).

1812. Wellington entered Madrid.

"Deep graved on every British heart,
O never let his name depart;
Now is the stately column broke,
The beacon's light is quenched in smoke,
The trumpet's silver sound is still,
The warden silent on the hill." —*Scott.*

1905. Second Anglo-Japanese Treaty signed.

13

1888. Imperial Defence Act passed.

"There's a land, a dear land, where our vigor of soul
Is fed by the tempests that blow from the pole;
Where a slave cannot breathe, nor invader presume
To ask for more earth than will cover his tomb.
England, wave-guarded, and green to the shore—
Glory be with thee and peace evermore!"

1901. Prince and Princess of Wales arrived at Durban.

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1763. Havana taken.
1787. Prince William Henry (William IV.) landed at Quebec.
1802. Letitia Elizabeth Landon born.
1858. Gwalior rebels defeated by Lord Roberts.

"A Flag! ah, yes, a Flag!
Perchance a faded rag upon a stick,
Yet what tumultuous memories gather thick,
And at the heart-strings drag.
There's honor 'neath its folds,
As the wide world beholds."

—*Sir Ed. J. Reed.*

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1416. Naval victory off Harfleur.

"Britannia needs no bulwarks,
Nor towers along the steep;
Her march is o'er the mountain waves,
Her home is on the deep.

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The meteor flag of England,
Shall yet terrific burn,
Till danger's troubled night depart
And the star of peace return."

—*Thomas Campbell.*

1771. Sir Walter Scott born.
1776. New York occupied by British.
1814. Engagement at Fort Erie.
1854. Bomarsund captured.
1890. Responsible Government granted to West Australia.

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1513. Battle of the Spurs.
1777. Bennington.
1783. New Brunswick made province.
1812. Detroit surrendered to General Brock.

"One voice, one people—one in heart
And soul, and feeling, and desire!
Re-light the smouldering martial fire,
Sound the mute trumpet, strike the lyre,
The hero deed cannot expire,
The dead still play their part."

—*Chas. Sangster, Canada.*

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1648. Battle of Preston.
1796. Naval action in Saldahna Bay.
1808. Battle of Rorica.
1896. Gold discovered in the Yukon.
1897. Landikai occupied.

"Far on the land as on the sea,
Where'er the breezes blaw that,
The British flag shall bear the grie,
And win the day for a' that."
—*Sir Walter Scott.*

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1571. La Valetta (founded 1557) occupied by Knights Hospitaliers.
1789. Battle in Lagos Bay. Won by Boscawen.

"What is the blue on our flag, boys?
The waves of the boundless sea,
Where our vessels ride in their tameless pride,
And the feet of the winds are free;
From the sun and smiles of the coral isles
To the ice of the south and north,
With dauntless tread through tempests dread
The guardian ships go forth."
—*Frederick George Scott.*

19

1702. Naval fight off Carthagena. Admiral Benbow.

"Come, cheer up, my lads, 'tis to glory we steer.
To add something more to this wonderful year.
To honor we call you, not press you as slaves,
For who are so free as the sons of the waves?
Hearts of oak are our ships, hearts of oak are our men!
We always are ready; steady, boys, steady;
We'll fight and we'll conquer again and again."
—*Dr. Boyce.*

1711. Admiral Boscawen born.
1873. Spanish Honduras bombarded.
1881. Benjamin Disraeli died.

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1871. Leeward Islands federated.
1882. Naval Brigade occupied Port Said.

"Britannia! the pride of the ocean,
The home of the brave and the free,
The shrine of the sailor's devotion,
No land can compare unto thee.
Thy mandate makes heroes assemble,
With victory's bright laurels in view,
The Navy and Army forever!
Three cheers for the Red, White, and Blue!"

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1808. Battle of Vimeira, Peninsular War.

"And once again in the chill night-tide,
What men are mustering side by side?
They are the men who fought and died
In the ranks of that brave old army.
Fighting for the dear old country,
Leading us for evermore,
For the souls of our heroes die not
In the land that they adore."
—*F. C. Weatherly.*

1860. Taku forts captured.

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1138. Battle of the Standard.
1485. Bosworth Field. Lancaster won.

"Love thou thy land, with love far-brought
From out the storied past, and used
Within the present, but transfused
Thro' future time by power of thought."
—*Tennyson.*

1818. Warren Hastings died.
1903. Lord Salisbury died.

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1305. Sir William Wallace tried and executed.

"What is to him or life or limb,
Who rends the chain and breaks the rod?
Who strikes for freedom strikes for God."
—*Alfred Austin.*

"O robed with honor and with glory crowned!"
—*Sarah A. Curzon.*

1793. Pondicherry re-occupied.
1809. Mutiny at Seringapatam.
1839. Hong-Kong taken.

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1759. Wilberforce born.
1814. Washington City taken by British.

"Thou sovereignty within thine isled abode,
Hated and feared, where thou wouldst only bless.
By fools who dream thine iron mightiness
Will crumble in ruin across the world's wide road;

. . . . . .

And if thou crumblest earth's whole frame will groan.
God help this world, thou wilt not sink alone!" —*Wilfred Campbell, Canada.*

1870. Wolseley arrived at Fort Garry, Canada.
1890. Sarnia Tunnel (Canada) completed.
1897. Afridis defeated.

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1537. Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. formed (Henry VIII.).
1759. Fort Niagara captured by Sir William Johnson.

"Stupendous power! thy thunder's solemn hymn,
Whose voice rebukes the shallow unbeliefs
Of men, is still immutably the same."
—*Rev. E. H. Dewart.*

1860. Victoria Bridge, Montreal, opened by the Prince of Wales.

"Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war." —*Milton.*

1887. Convention between Great Britain and China.

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55 B.C. Julius Cæsar landed in Britain.

"It is not to be thought of that the flood
Of British freedom which to the open sea
Of the world's praise from dark antiquity
Hath flowed, with pomp of waters unwithstood—
That this most famous stream in bogs and sands
Should perish, and to evil and to good
Be lost forever." —*Wordsworth.*

1346. Battle of Crécy.
1676. Sir Robert Walpole born.
1768. Cook sailed from Plymouth.
1795. Trincomalee taken from Dutch.
1819. Albert, Prince Consort, Duke of Saxe-Cobourg and Gotha, born.
1841. Amoy taken.

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1758. Fort Frontenac (Kingston, Canada) captured by Bradstreet.
1777. Colonials defeated at Long Island, N.Y.
1816. Algiers bombarded.

"How sleep the brave who sink to rest
By all their country's wishes blest!
By fairy hands their knell is rung,
By forms unseen their dirge is sung,
There honor comes, a pilgrim gray,
To bless the turf that wraps their clay."
—*Wm. Collins.*

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1207. City Charter granted to Liverpool.
1804. First cathedral in the colonies founded at Quebec.
1904. Centenary of Quebec Cathedral celebrated. Archbishop of Canterbury present.

"Bless Thou our Sovereign King,
May his rule ever bring
Honor and peace:
And tho' the seas divide,
Let every branch abide,
Staunch to its Source and Guide,
And strong in thee."
—*Northern Messenger.*

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1350. Naval victory off Winchelsea.
1835. Melbourne founded.

"Then hand in hand from land to land,
Answer to the call,
Soldier, sailor, citizen—Britons one and all!
As we're sons of one great mother, so forever
let us be,
And the voice that speaks thro' England still
Shall keep us great and free."
—*F. C. Weatherly.*

1842. Hong-Kong port declared open.
1907. Collapse of the great Quebec Bridge during construction.

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1688. John Bunyan died.

"Death makes no conquest of this Conqueror."
—*Shakespeare.*

"Our echoes roll from soul to soul,
And grow forever and forever."
—*Tennyson.*

1868. Death of the Begum of Bhopal (native princess).

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1591. Fight of the *Revenge*. Sir Richard Grenville.

"And the sun went down and the stars came
out
Far over the summer sea,
But never a moment ceased the fight
Of the or , and the fifty-three.

. . . . . .

But some were sunk, and some were shattered.
And so could fight us no more—
God of battles, was ever a battle
Like this, in the world before?"
—*Tennyson.*

1813. Siege of San Sebastian.

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SEPTEMBER

QUEBEC: WOLFE

"Afar Quebec exalts her crest on high,
Her rocks and battlements invade the sky;
The pride of Canada, her strength and head,
England's assurance and Columbia's dread.

"O glorious sight! as golden sunset showers
Athwart the long-drawn walls and lofty towers,
Corrusant rays play round the cross-topped spires,
And gild each salient point with shimmering fires.

"Huge cliffs above, precipitous that frown,
Like Atlas bend beneath another town,
Where all along the gray, embrasured steep
In grim repose the watchful cannon peep.

"O glorious spot! The Briton's boast and pride,
Where armies battled and where heroes died,
Where gallant Wolfe led his devoted band,
Rejoiced in death, and waved his dying hand;

"Though few his years and young his lofty frame,
With greenest garlands England crowns his name,
And on her roll of glory proudly reads
The eternal record of his mighty deeds."

—*William Kirby.*

SEPTEMBER

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1729. Richard Steele died.
1858. East India Company disbanded.
1860. Corner-stone of Ottawa Parliament Buildings laid by the Prince of Wales.

"A nation spoke to a nation,
A Queen sent word to a throne,
Daughter am I in my mother's house,
But mistress in my own."

—*Kipling.*

1880. All British possessions on Continent of North America annexed to Canada.

2

1666. Great fire of London.
1898. Battle of Omdurman. Lord Kitchener.

"This is England's awful way o' doing business—
She would serve her God or Gordon just the same;
For she thinks her Empire still the Strand and Holborn Hill,
And she didn't think o' 'Sergeant What's-his-name.'"

—*Kipling.*

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1650. Battle of Dunbar.
1651. Worcester (second battle).
1658. Cromwell died.

"The earth is full of anger,
The seas are dark with wrath,
The nations in their harness
Go up against our path!
Ere yet we loose the legions—
Ere yet we draw the blade,
Jehovah of the thunders,
Lord God of Battles, aid! —*Kipling.*

1752. New calendar introduced (3rd September became 14th).
1808. Russian fleet surrendered in the Tagus.
1879. Sir Louis Cavignari arrived at Cabul.

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1888. New Guinea made Protectorate.
1905. Alberta and Saskatchewan created provinces of Canada.

"In the Empire's cause for daring deeds undying,
You can count upon the riders of the plains."
(North-West Mounted Police.) —*F. H.*

"Come if you dare to the northmen's lair,
The tramp of your armies shall not shake us;
Shout if you will, we are freemen still,
Loud words cannot break us."
—*H. H. Godfrey.*

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1800. Malta taken from France.
1807. Heligoland taken from the Danes.
1838. Grace Darling rescued the crew of the *Forfarshire.*

"Howe'er it be, it seems to me
'Tis only noble to be good.
Kind hearts are more than coronets,
And simple faith than Norman blood."
—*Tennyson.*

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1191. Richard I. defeated the Saracens in the Holy Land.
1620. The *Mayflower* sailed from Plymouth.

"Haply we are but tools in the hand
Of a Power we do not know,
And not for ourselves we plough the waste,
And not for ourselves we sow."

—*Begbie.*

1842. Ghuzee re-taken.

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1793. Dunkirk unsuccessfully besieged (twice previously taken by English armies).
1805. Bishop Wilberforce born.
1870. Loss of H. M. S. *Captain.*

"And sons of the sons of the Norsemen
Watch, hurtling to windward and lee
Of England, up-backed of her horsemen,
The steeds of the sea."

—*Swinburne.*

1904. Treaty between Great Britain and Thibet signed.

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1755. Sir Wm. Johnson repulsed the French at Fort George.
1760. Cession of Canada at Montreal.
1848. Convict Transportation Law revoked.
1855. Fall of Sebastopol.

"We are the brave of England,
We fought for the bristling breach,
And died that our brothers might climb on our bones,
And carry the flag where we could not reach."

—*Rev. L. MacLean Watt.*

1893. Women's Franchise Bill passed, New Zealand.

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1513. Battle of Flodden.

"Tradition, legend, tune and song
Shall many an age that wail prolong—
Still from the sire the son shall hear
Of the stern strife and carnage drear
Of Flodden's fatal field,
Where shivered was fair Scotia's spear,
And broken was her shield."

—*Scott.*

1882. Battle of Kassassin, Egypt.

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1547. Battle of Pinkey.
1755. Expatriation of Acadians.
1771. Mungo Park born.
1780. Hyder Ali defeated a British force.
1854. Sir John Seeley born.
1907. New Zealand proclaimed Dominion.

"O triune Kingdom of the brave,
O sea-girt island of the free,
O Empire of the land and wave,
Our hearts, our hands are all for thee."

—*Jean Talon-Lesperance.*

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1647. Drogheda stormed by Cromwell.
1709. Battle of Malplaquet.

"In long array they march toward death,
Armies with proud or piteous breath:
Forward, the spirit in them saith,
Spirit of life.
Here the triumphal trumpets blow,
There mourning music sorrows low,
Victors and vanquished, still they go,
Forward in strife!"

—*Lionel Johnson.*

1777. Battle of Brandywine, U.S., won by British.
1814. Battle of Lake Champlain. English defeated.

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597. St. Augustine landed in Britain.

"Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.
O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home."

—*Isaac Watts.*

1814. Baltimore. British won.
1852. Rt. Hon. Herbert Asquith (Prime Minister of Great Britain, 1908) born.
1878. Cleopatra's Needle erected on Thames Embankment (first erected in Egypt, 1600 B.C.).

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1759. Plains of Abraham. Wolfe—Montcalm.

"Officers and men will remember what their country expects of them."

—*Wolfe's last Orders.*

"O glorious spot! the Briton's boast and pride,
Where armies battled and where heroes died.

. . . . . .

And tho' the lilies from these ramparts fell,
Montcalm, immortal, with great Wolfe shall dwell."

—*William Kirby.*

1782. Naval engagement in Bay of Gibraltar. French and Spaniards defeated.

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1544. Boulogne captured.
1805. Nelson left Portsmouth for Trafalgar.
1852. Duke of Wellington died.

"O good gray head which all men knew,
O voice from which their omens all men drew;

. . . . . .

The long self-sacrifice of life is o'er,
The great world-victor's victor will be seen no more."

—*Tennyson.*

1872. *Alabama* claims finally settled.

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1830. Liverpool and Manchester Railway opened.
1897. Gundah Fort occupied.

"Forward! victory is ours.
Though we fall beneath yon towers,
England's glory is our crest,
England's colors wrap our breast—
Let the trenches witness bear
That the dauntless brave fell there."

—*Harriet Wilkins.*

16

1795. Cape Town acquired from Dutch East India Co.
1901. Landing in Canada of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

"From east to west the circling word has passed,
Till west is east beside our landlocked blue;
From east to west the tested chain holds fast,
The well-forged link rings true."

—*Clive Phillipps-Wolley.*

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1745. Charles Edward entered Holyrood.

"Sons of the mountain glen,
Draw forth your blades again,
Loudly the pibroch's strain
Summons you fairly.
See! the white rose again,
Forward then, follow then,
Be your war-cry again—
Scotland and Charlie."

—*Geo. Linley.*

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1709. Dr. Johnson born.
1759. Quebec surrendered to General Townshend.
1778. Lord Brougham born.
1811. Java captured.
1882. Battle of Tel-el-kebir. Arabi Pasha defeated.

"Ne'er in the battle beats a heart more brave
Than that which throbs beneath a Scottish plaid;
And when the pipers bid the battle rave,
And level for the charge their arms are laid,
Where lives the desperate foe that for such onset stayed?"

—*Scott.*

19

1356. Battle of Poitiers.
1840. Flag raised in Auckland.

"Though severed by shadowy mountains
And many a sounding sea,
One in race and language,
And one in heart are we;
Ready to meet a world in arms
If needs must be."

—*Anon.*

1889. Landslide at Quebec.
1891. St. Clair Tunnel (Canada) completed.
1905. Dr. Barnardo died.

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1745. Prestonpans. Charles Edward won.
1854. Alma.

"First in the charge, as oft of yore,
Where strife was hard,
Holding the flag they love, once more
Their souls keep guard.
Strike as they struck who fell of old,
And cheering knew
That the great banner's stainless fold
Unconquered flew!" —*M. H. B.*

1857. Delhi relieved (fourteen weeks' siege).

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1812. Gananoque raided by U. S. force.
1832. Sir Walter Scott died.

"O Caledonia! stern and wild,
Meet nurse for a poetic child!
Land of brown heath and shaggy wood,
Land of the mountain and the flood,
Land of my sires! what mortal hand
Can e'er untie the filial band
That knits me to thy rugged strand?"
—*Sir Walter Scott.*

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1586. Siege of Zutphen. Death of Sir Philip Sidney.

"'Take it,' he said, ''tis thine,
Thy need is more than mine,'
And smiled as one that looks thro' death to life,
Then passed, true heart and brave,
Leal from birth to grave,
Beyond the precincts of earth's idle strife."
—*Palgrave.*

1848. Siege of Mooltan raised.
1884. Expedition against the Pathans in Zhob Valley.

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1459. Bloreheath. York won.
1642. Worcester (first battle).
1803. Assaye. Mahrattas conquered by Sir Arthur Wellesley.
1857. General Nicholson died at Delhi.

"Him no reveille and no morning drum
Shall ever waken more."

"Under your country's conquering flag you fell,
Brilliant and brave and kind, hail and farewell!"
—*W. E. Henley.*

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1332. Balliol crowned at Scone.

"Many a banner spread flutters above your head,
Many a crest that is famous in story.
Mount and make ready then, sons of the mountain glen,
Fight for your King and our old Scottish glory.

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Trumpets are sounding, war-steeds are bounding,
Stand to your arms and march in good order,
England shall many a day tell of the bloody fray,
When the Blue Bonnets came over the Border."
—*Scott.*

1867. First Ecclesiastical Conference held at Lambeth.

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1066. Battle of Stamford Bridge.
1643. Alliance between Parliamentary Party and Scots.
1775. Capture of U. S. troops attacking Montreal.
1794. Felicia Hemans born.
1857. Havelock relieved Lucknow.

"Soldier, rest! thy warfare o'er,
Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking,
Dream of battled fields no more,
Days of danger, nights of waking." —*Scott.*

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1748. Admiral Collingwood born.

"Effingham, Grenville, Raleigh, Drake,
Here's to the bold and free!
Benbow, Collingwood, Byron, Blake—
Hail to the kings of the sea!
Admirals all, for England's sake
Honor be yours and fame,
And honor, as long as waves shall break,
To Nelson's peerless name."

—*Newbolt.*

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1810. Battle of Busaco. Peninsular War.

"Who are ye, ghostly marchers,
And whence do your squadrons come,
And your companies pressing onward
To the beat of a phantom drum?
We are the dead of England,
Our dust is under the lees,
They buried us deep in our battle sleep,
They plunged us down in the seas."

—*Rev. L. MacLean Watt.*

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1720. South Sea "Bubble" burst.
1852. General French born.
1852. Battle of Gujerat.

"O blest and free Britannia, the mistress of the deep,
Around whose shores the subject waves a watchful vigil keep;
The lion crouching by thy side is not more nobly brave
Than thy soldiers on the battlefield, thy sailors on the wave."

—*Robt. S. Patterson.*

1855. Assault on Kars repulsed.

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1725. Robert Clive born.
1758. Horatio Nelson born.

"Thine Island loves thee well, thou famous man,
The greatest sailor since the world began.
O saviour of the silver-coated isle!
O shaker of the Baltic and the Nile!"

—*Tennyson.*

"From Alfred and from Edward's days who still has kept the seas,
To him who on his death-morn spoke her watchword on the breeze."

—*Palgrave.*

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1651. Loss of H. M. S. *Admiral.*
1788. Lord Raglan born.

"Eros, unarm, the long day's task is done
And we must sleep."

—*Shakespeare.*

1832. Lord (Frederick Sleigh) Roberts of Kandahar and Pretoria born.

"What 'e doesn't know o' war, Gen'ral Bobs,
You can ask the shop next door—Can't they, Bobs?
O, 'e's little, but 'e's wise,
And 'e doesn't advertise—Do yer, Bobs?

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'E's 'elped the soldier's load,
And for benefits bestowed,
Bless yer, Bobs!"

—*Kipling.*

1850. Papal Bull promulgated creating R. C. Hierarchy in England.
1874. Fiji Islands annexed.
1908. Terrible disaster from waterflood, Hyderabad. India.

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TRAFALGAR: NELSON

"Treasure ye all the flag that streams
O'er the sundering deep where the foeman schemes,
Guard it, England, from all the world,
Never must Nelson's flag be furled:
Thy life, thy fortune, thy fame, thy star,
Hang on the battle of Trafalgar.

"Sailor of England! year by year
Whisper this day in England's ear;
Whisper thy name, O sacred dust,
Lest England swerve from her mighty trust,
Lest the whirlwind come and the jealous states
Sweep with the flood thro' our shattered gates."

—*Harold Begbie.*

THE DEATH OF NELSON.

"O'er Nelson's tomb, with silent grief oppressed,
Britannia mourns her hero now at rest;
But those bright laurels ne'er shall fade with years,
Whose leaves are watered by a nation's tears."

"'Twas in Trafalgar Bay,
We saw the foemen lay;
Each heart was bounding then;
We scorned the foreign yoke,
For our ships were British oak,
And hearts of oak our men.
Our Nelson marked them on the wave,
Three cheers our gallant seamen gave.
For England, home and beauty;
Along the line the signal ran,
'England expects that every man,
This day will do his duty.'"

—*S. J. Arnold.*

OCTOBER

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1828. London University opened.

"Thy laws are right, thy judges pure,
Thy statesmen wise, thy throne secure;
The slave and exile find in thee
The chosen home of liberty."
—*John Scoble, Canada.*

1838. Afghan War declared against Dost Mohammed.

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1758. First meeting of Legislature of Nova Scotia (inaugurating policy of British Colonial self-government).

"What golden voice their golden deeds shall sing,
Who 'neath that flag of Hope and England sail,
The flaming zone-walls of the world to scale,
Borne up on eagle wing
To far horizons, 'neath translucent skies,
Beyond Atlantic, clad in fadeless green,
A wide-expanding glory, visibly seen
By those keen, eager eyes."
—*Palgrave.*

1780. Major André executed as a spy by U. S. authorities.

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1877. Submission of the tribes in the Swat Valley.
1896. William Morris died.

"England fair appears, Imperial youth great on her golden brow,
While her prophetic eyes with hope and promise glow.
Land of the most law-loving—the most free!
My dear, dear England! sweet and green as now,
The flower-illumined garden of the sea,
And Nature, least impaired by axe or plough."

—*Sir F. T. Palgrave.*

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1535. Coverdale Bible printed.
1868. War on the North-West frontier, India.

"English we! and we hold our own
By right of the blood we have shed;
English we! and *shall* hold it
Were it but for the graves of our dead.
English we! and we ask you—
You who are swift to condemn—
Would you yield but a foot of your conquests.
If you were the lords of them?
What do you say, O Russia?
What do you answer, O France?"

—*J. Ross-Wetherman.*

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1813. Fight with U. S. force at Moraviantown. Tecumseh killed.
1851. Admiral Sir John Fisher born.
1864. Great cyclone, India.

"Roll on, thou deep and dark blue ocean, roll;
Ten thousand fleets sail over thee in vain;
Man marks the earth with ruin, his control
Stops with the shore. Upon the watery plain
The wrecks are all thy deed, nor doth remain
A shadow of man's ravage, save his own,
When in a moment, like a drop of rain,
He sinks into thy depths with bubbling groan,
Without a grave, unknelled, uncoffined, and unknown."

—*Byron.*

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1769. New Zealand sighted by Cook.
1892. Tennyson died.

"Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me;
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea." —*Tennyson.*

"He loved Old England; of her glory proud,
Her weal and woe were of his life a part;
Oft as his bugle-blast rang clear and loud
It stirred the blood in every patriot heart."
—*Rev. E. H. Dewart.*

1903. Fiscal campaign opened by the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain.

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1853. Discovery of the North-West Passage by McC're announced.

"I took the sun from their presence;
I cut them down with my blast;
And they died—but the Flag of England
Flew free ere their spirits passed.

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First of the scattered legions under a shrieking sky,
Dipping between the rollers, the English Flag goes by." —*Kipling.*

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1879. Cabul captured by Lord Roberts.

"Sons of the Island race, wherever ye dwell,
Who speak of your fathers' battles with lips that burn,
The deed of an alien legion hear me tell,
And think not shame of the hearts ye tamed, to learn,
When succor shall fail and the tide for a season turn,
To fight with a joyous courage, a passionate pride,
To die at the last as the 'Guides' at Kabul died." —*Newbolt.*

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1521. Title, "Defender of the Faith," first used.

"Dim, shapeless shadows pass like ghosts,
Along the trembling earth they feel
The distant tramp of marching hosts,
And hear the smothered clash of steel;
Till, marching out for friendly hands
To guide them thro' the gloom, they press
To where one silent figure stands
Serene in lofty loneliness."

—*St. James Gazette.*

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1780. Great hurricane, Barbadoes.
1857. Agra relieved (three months' siege).

"And 'spite of famine, blood and pain,
A spot of scarlet 'gainst the blue,
Serene above the iron rain
The flag of Britain flew.
And close and closer yet they drew,
Foe facing foe, eye watching eye,
And ever o'er the combat flew
The British flag on high."

—*Bertrand Shadwell.*

1864. Delegates to discuss Confederation met at Quebec.

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1399. Order of the Bath instituted (Henry IV.).
1778. Pondicherry taken.
1797. Victory of Camperdown. Admiral Duncan.
1872. Maori chiefs appointed to Legislative Council, New Zealand.
1899. South African War declared.

"E'en now their vanguard gathers,
E'en now we face the fray—
As Thou didst help our fathers,
Help Thou our hosts to-day!
Fulfilled of signs and wonders,
In life and death made clear—
Jehovah of the thunders,
Lord God of battles, hear!" —*Kipling.*

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1492. Columbus landed in the Bahamas.
1649. Wexford attacked by Cromwell.
1702. Vigo. Sir George Rooke.

"Old if this England be,
The ship at heart is sound,
And the fairest she and gallantest
That ever sailed earth round."
—*Sir F. Palgrave.*

1842. Cabul evacuated.
1860. Pekin taken by allied English and French armies.

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1812. Queenston Heights. Sir Isaac Brock killed.

"No tongue can blazon forth their fame—
The cheers that stirred that sacred hill
Were but mere promptings of the will
That conquered then, that conquers still;
And generations yet shall thrill
At Brock's remembered name."
—*Charles Sangster.*

1884. Greenwich adopted as universal first meridian.
1905. Sir Henry Irving died.

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1066. Battle of Hastings. Harold, "last of the Saxons," killed.

"In Waltham Abbey, on St. Agnes' Eve,
A stately corpse lay stretched upon a bier.
The hands were crossed upon the breast, the face,
Uncovered, by the tapers' trembling light
Showed dimly the pale majesty severe
Of him whom Death, and not the Norman Duke,
Had conquered; him, the noblest and the best
Of Saxon kings; save one, the noblest he,
The last of all."

1492. America discovered by Columbus.
1747. Victory off Finisterre, won by Hawke.
1866. Quebec burned (third time).

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1815. Napoleon landed at St. Helena as a prisoner.

"Hands all round!
God the tyrant's hope confound!
To the great cause of freedom, drink, my friends,
And the great name of England, round and round."

—*Tennyson.*

"Man fights a losing fight who fights mankind."
—*Palgrave.*

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1690. Phipps attacked Quebec, defended by Frontenac.

"Great centuried crag, whose fortress steep
Our mighty western way doth keep,
Gray, ancient gateway, thou whose memory teems
With deathless echoes of a nation's dreams.

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Thou art above our petty dreams and deeds,
For thou art linked with glory such as few
Amid those ancient world-famed cities knew."
—*Wilfred Campbell.*

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1346. Scots defeated at Nevel's Cross.
1777. Battle of Saratoga.
1781. Hawke died.

"When war spread its wide desolation
And threatened our land to deform,
The ark then of freedom's salvation,
Britannia rode safe through the storm.
With her garlands of Victory round her,
Where so nobly she bore her brave crew,
With her flag floating proudly before her,
The boast of the Red, White, and Blue."

1854. Assault on Sebastopol.
1903. Alaskan Boundary Question partly settled.

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1864. Great Durbar held in India (604 Princes).
1865. Lord Palmerston died.

"O statesmen, guard us, guard the eye, the soul
Of Europe, keep our noble England whole,
And save the one true seed of freedom sown
Betwixt a people and their ancient throne;
That sober freedom out of which there springs
Our loyal passion for our temperate kings."
—*Tennyson.*

1907. First Canadian messages sent by wireless telegraphy. Marconi.

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1778. Battle of Yorktown. Cornwallis surrendered.
1784. Leigh Hunt born.
1806. French squadron captured by Hood.

"Hellas and England! thus it was with ye!
Though distanced far by centuries and by space,
Sisters in soul of nature's own decree.
And if on Athens in her glory-day
The younger mighʻ not look,
Her living soul came back and re-infused our clay."
—*Palgrave.*

1905. Prince and Princess of Wales sailed for tour of India.

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1784. Lord Palmerston born.
1827. Naval Victory at Navarino. Admiral Codrington.
1897. Battle of Dharghai Ridge.

"Thirty bullets straight where the rest went wide.
And thirty lads are lying on the bare hill side:
But they passed in the hour of the Gordons' pride
To the skirl of the piper's playing."
—*Newbolt.*

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1772. Samuel Taylor. Coleridge born.
1805. Battle of Trafalgar. Death of Nelson.
(Centenary celebrated throughout Empire, 1905.)

"England expects that every man will do his duty." —*Nelson's signal.*

"There was none like him, and there shall be none.
When England bears again so great a son,
He can but follow fame where Nelson led.
There is, and there can only be but one.
No year has yet put out the day when he
Who lived and strove to keep our kingship free,
Wherever seas by warring winds are worn,
Died, and was one with England and the sea."
—*Swinburne.*

1854. Florence Nightingale sailed with nurses for the Crimea.

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1881. Basutos defeated.
1904. North Sea trawlers fired on by Russian fleet.

"They are firm and fine, the masts, and the keel is straight and true;
Her ancient cross of glory rides burning thro' the blue—
And that red sign o'er all the seas the nations fear and know,
And the strong and stubborn hero souls that underneath it go." —*F. T. Palgrave.*

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1642. Battle of Edgehill.

"The thunder clouds close o'er it, which when rent
The earth is covered thick with other clay,
Which her own clay shall cover, heaped and pent—
Rider and horse, friend, foe, in one red burial blent." —*Byron.*

1764. Battle of Buxar, Oude conquered by Munro.
1901. Prince and Princess of Wales arrived at St. John's, Nfld.

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1604. Royal title, "King of Great Britain," assumed.

"Health to our Sovereign Lord the King,
Long may he reign in peace serene,
Long may thy people, great and free,
Extend thy power and honor thee.
Queen of the sea, Imperial isle,
May heaven on thee forever smile."
—*John Scoble.*

1864. Peace concluded with the Maoris.
1900. Transvaal proclaimed a British Colony.

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1400. Chaucer died (born 1328).
1415. Battle of Agincourt, won by Henry V. (English army, 15,000; French, 100,000.)
1800. Lord Macaulay born.
1854. Charge of the Light and Heavy Brigades at Balaclava.

"When can their glory fade?
O the wild charge they made!
All the world wondered.
Honor the charge they made,
Honor the Light Brigade!
Noble Six Hundred."

"Scarlett and Scarlett's three hundred were riding by,
When the points of the Russian lances arose in the sky—
The gallant three hundred whose glory will never die—
The Heavy Brigade."
—*Tennyson.*

1874. Fiji ceded by Native chiefs.

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901. Alfred the Great died.

"England, England, England,
Wherever a true heart beats.
Wherever the rivers of commerce flow,
Wherever the bugles of conquest blow,
Wherever the glories of liberty grow,
'Tis the name that the world repeats."
—*Wilfred Campbell.*

1813. Battle of Chateauguay, won by De Salaberry.

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1856. Canton taken.

"Lay them where they fought and fell,
Every heart shall ring their knell,
For the lessons they have taught us,
For the glory they have brought us;
Proud of light their names shall shed
In the roll-call of our dead."
—*Frederick George Scott.*

1871. Griqualand, S.A., made a Colony.

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1572. Death of Mar, Regent of Scotland.
1632. John Locke died.
1811. Siege of Merida.
1848. Royal Exchange opened by Queen Victoria.

"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof."

"Now calm as strong, and clear as summer air.
Blessing and blest of earth and sky she glides.
So thro' Time's mead, great nation, gently glide,
Whither thou mayst not know, but He who knows will guide."
—*F. T. Palgrave.*

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1618. Execution of Sir Walter Raleigh.
1795. John Keats born.

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever.
Its loveliness increases, it will never
Pass into nothingness, but still will keep
A bower quiet for us and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams.

And such too are the dooms
We have imagined for the mighty dead,
All lovely tales that we have heard or read.
Glories infinite haunt us, and become a cheering light
Unto our souls, and bound to us so fast
That whether there be shine or gloom o'ercast.
They always must be with us or we die."

—*Keats.*

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1869. Red River Rebellion broke out in Canada.
1899. First Canadian Contingent sailed from Quebec for Cape Town.

"An Empire's coping-stone was set to-day,
A house not built with hands, a countless store
Of hearts that beat as one the whole world o'er. . . .
Upon the ebbing tide has sailed away
The first armed transport from this western shore. . . .
The best we had we gave; their warlike song
Floats back upon the Citadel. The night
Comes down, a lonely cannon booms, and we
Find joy and sadness with our sons at sea."

—*Claude Bryan, Canada.*

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1902. "All-British" Pacific Cable completed.

"Deeper than speech our love,
Stronger than life our tether." —*Kipling.*

"In the battle smoke,
Tried in War's crucible, washed white in tears,
The Saxon heart of Greater Britain woke
One for all years."

—*Clive Phillipps-Wolley.*

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NOVEMBER

HIS MAJESTY OUR KING AND EMPEROR

"God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King;
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the King!

"O Lord our God, arise,
Scatter his enemies,
And make them fall.
Confound their politics,
Frustrate their knavish tricks,
On Thee our hopes we fix;
God save us all!

"Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign!
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King!"

—*Henry Carey.*

NOVEMBER

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1852. Madame Albani (Emma Lajeunesse) born, Canada.
1858. Government of India assumed by Crown.
1901. Prince and Princess of Wales arrived at Portsmouth (after world-tour).

"Britons are one! This is the motto felt
On Austral plain, in rich Canadian mine;
By Ganges flood; on Afrikander veldt;
New Zealand hills; where Ceylon's tendrils twine."

—"*Crux.*"

1906. Garrison of St. Helena withdrawn.
1908. Jubilee message from the King to India.

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1493. Dominica discovered.

"Up with the red-cross banner, then, the peerless and the bold,
True hearts will rally round it still as in the days of old;
And still on every English lip the thrilling cry shall be,
St. George for merry England, ho! God and our own country."

—*Mrs. Faulkner, Canada.*

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1580. Drake returned from circumnavigation of the globe.

"We sailed wherever ship could sail,
We founded many a mighty state;
Pray God our greatness may not fail
Thro' craven fear of being great."
—*Tennyson.*

1640. "Long Parliament," first sat.
1812. Norman MacLeod, D.D., born.
1840. Acre bombarded.
1850. Dr. Watson (Ian Maclaren) born.

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1805. Sir Richard Strachan's naval victory over French.

"We went down in the waste of waters,
We grappled the foe in ships.
In smoke and mist, wherever we list,
And her name was on our lips.
Living or dying, our flag still flying,
Where our hands had nailed it fast,
We fell for the might of England,
And knew we were not her last."
—*Rev. L. MacLean Watt.*

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1605. Gunpowder Plot.
1689. William of Orange landed at Torbay.
1854. Battle of Inkerman.

"Tell England, ye who pass this monument,
We, who died serving her, rest here content."

"Hail to the living who fought, to the dead who fell."
—*Tennyson.*

1856. Natal made separate Colony.
1897. Tirah occupied.

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1763. Conquest of Patna, India.

"If the day of a nation's weakness rise,
Of the little counsels that dare not dare,
Of a land that no more on herself relies—
O breath of the great ones that were
Burn out this taint in the air!
The old heart of England restore,
Till the blood of heroes awake and cry in her bosom once more!" —*F. T. Palgrave.*

1817. Death of Princess Charlotte.
1860. Maoris defeated.
1875. Bechuanaland made Protectorate.

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1802. Admiral Benbow died, Jamaica.
1846. "Orange" Association founded.
1867. Dominion Parliament first met.
1885. Canadian Pacific Railway completed.

"O child of Nations, giant-limbed,
Who standst among the nations now,
Unheeded, unadorned, unhymned,
With unanointed brow."
—*Chas. G. D. Roberts.*

1890. Zanzibar made Protectorate.

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1602. Bodleian Library opened.
1674. Milton died.

"God doth not need
Either man's works, or His own gifts; who best
Bear His mild yoke, they serve Him best; His state
Is kingly; thousands at His bidding speed,
And post o'er land and ocean without rest:
They also serve who only stand and wait."
—*Milton.*

1831. Edward Bulwer, Lord Lytton ("Owen Meredith"), born.
1840. Baron Rothschild born.
1875. Prince of Wales arrived at Bombay.

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1841. Birthday of His Most Excellent Majesty Edward VII., by the grace of God, of Great Britain and Ireland, and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

"God with humble adoration
Laud we now for mercies past;
Still to this most favored nation
May these mercies ever last.
Britons then thro' future story
With their prayers shall praises sing;
Lord of life, and light, and glory!
Shield our Empire, guard our King!"

1857. Battle of Secunderabad. Sir Colin Campbell.

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1728. Oliver Goldsmith born.

"Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates and men decay.
Princes and lords may flourish or may fade,
A breath can make them, as a breath has made;
But a bold peasantry, their country's pride,
When once destroyed, can never be supplied."
—*Goldsmith.*

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1813. Battle of Chrysler's Farm. U. S. troops defeated.

"Let but the rash invader dare
To touch our darling strand,
The martial fires that thrilled our sires
Would light him from the land."
—*Chas. Sangster.*

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1856. Grand Trunk Railway opened from Quebec to Toronto.

"Hail to the great Dominion,
Her flag in splendor flies
Upon the wind's wild pinion
'Neath blue Canadian skies.
And when the breezes bear it
Aloft on tower or flood,
It wakes the kingly spirit,
It stirs our Viking blood."

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1002. Massacre of Danes in England.
1647. Charles I. imprisoned at Carisbrooke Castle.
1850. Robert Louis Stevenson born.

"Not to be conquered by these headlong days,
But to stand firm. . . . There shall come
Many great voices from life's outer sea,
. . . Murmurs and glimpses of eternity."
—*Archibald Lampman, Canada.*

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1751. Defence of Arcot. Clive.

"And whatever the people that dwell beneath,
Or whatever the alien tongue,
Over the freedom and peace of the world
Is the Flag of England flung.
Till the last great freedom be found,
And the last great truth be taught,
Till the last great deed be done,
And the last great battle fought."
—*Wilfred Campbell.*

1784. First bishop Episcopal Church in U.S.A. consecrated at Aberdeen, Scotland.
1907. Sir Lewis Morris died.

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1708. William Pitt, the "Great Commoner," born.

"Lo, Colonies on Colonies! a hundred wheels aturn
All to one end—that England's sons may learn
The glory of their sonship, the supreme
Worth that benefits the heirs of such estate.
All these were in his dream,
And sure the dream was great."

—*Francis Thompson.*

1798. Conference in London to consider union of English and Russian Churches.

1827. Joint monument erected in Quebec to Wolfe and Montcalm.

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1811. John Bright born.

"Truth is in thee, and none may win thee
To lie, forsaking the face of truth;
Freedom lives by the grace she gives thee,
Born again of thy deathless youth."

—*Swinburne.*

1869. Suez Canal partially opened.

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1558. Church of England re-established.

"We thank Thee that Thy Church, unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now, by day or night.
As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away."

—*J. Ellerton.*

1838. Canadian rebels defeated at Prescott.

1857. Lucknow relieved by Sir Colin Campbell.

1861. Archibald Lampman born.

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1852. The Duke of Wellington interred in St. Paul's Cathedral.

"Let the sound of those he wrought for,
And the feet of those he fought for
Echo round his bones for evermore;
For this is England greatest son,
He that g[illegible]ed a hundred fights,
And nev[illegible]r lost a British gun."

—*Tennyson.*

1875. Subsidy granted by Imperial Government to mail and cable service, Canada.
1903. Imperial Preference Trade Bill passed by New Zealand.

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1422. Vasco da Gama discovered Cape of Good Hope.
1861. *Trent* episode. Confederate delegates seized.

"Old keel, old heart of oak, tho' round thee roar and chafe
All storms of life, thy helmsmen shall make the haven safe!
Then with Honor at the prow, and Faith, and Peace along the wake,
Law blazoned firm on Freedom's flag, thy stately voyage take."

—*F. T. Palgrave.*

1869. Hudson's Bay Co. came under Crown control.
1899. Sir Wm. Dawson died. Canada.

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1752. Thomas Chatterton born.
1759. **Naval battle in Quiberon Bay. Admiral Hawke.**

"'Twas long past noon of a wild November day,
When Hawke came swooping from the West.
He heard the breakers roaring in Quiberon Bay,
But he flew the flag for battle, line abreast!

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The guns that should have conquered us they rusted on the shore,
The men who would have mastered us they drummed and marched no more,
For England was England, and a mighty brood she bore,
When Hawke came swooping from the West."

—*Henry Newbolt.*

1841. Sir Wilfrid Laurier born.
1863. **Maoris defeated at Kangariri.**

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1739. Capture of Portobello.
1807. Surrender of Cumoona, India.
1840. Princess Royal (late German Empress) born.
1887. **Naval Defence Act passed, Victoria, Australia.**

"Does haughty foe invasion threat?
Then let the fools beware, sir,
There's wooden walls upon our seas,
And volunteers on shore, sir.
Be Britons still to Britons true,
Among ourselves united;
For never but by British hands
Must British wrongs be righted."

—*Burns.*

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1774. Lord Clive died.

"Sleep after toil, port after stormy seas,
Ease after war, death after life doth greatly
please." —*Edmund Spenser.*

"I smiled to think God's greatness
Flowed around our incompleteness,
Round our restlessness His rest."
—*Elizabeth B. Browning.*

1819. George Eliot (Marion Evans) born.

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1805. Treaty of Peace made with the Chiefs of Scinde.
1905. Last English regiment left Halifax, Canada.

"With clarion call of warning,
It roused the laggard morning,
Its stormy greeting rent the mists in twain,
As down the glimmering river,
With its silver stream aquiver,
The mighty ships stood outward to the main.
And above the battery lifted,
Where the cannon smoke had drifted,
A cloudy pillar shook against the sun,
While in measured tones and solemn,
From the core of that pale column,
'Good-bye! and God be with you,' roared the gun,
'Farewell! on your far-faring,' boomed the gun."
—*Ed. S. Tyler.*

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1572. John Knox died.
1642. Tasmania discovered by Tasman.
1857. Havelock died at Lucknow.

"Never the lotus closes, never the wild fowl wake,
But a soul goes out on the east wind that has died for England's sake."
—*Kipling.*

1891. "Owen Meredith" (Bulwer Lytton) died.
1899. Khalifa's force defeated by Wingate. Soudan.

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1875. Khedive's shares in the Suez Canal purchased.
1878. Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise arrived in Canada.

"These link yet closer 'neath the flag unfurled,
One people with one will around the world,
Who look to God, high-purposed, strong and free,
Beneath the crown of Britain's sovereignty."
—*Margaret Yarker, Canada.*

1908. Burning of steamer *Sardinia*, at Valetta, Malta, with great loss of life.

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1731. William Cowper born.

"England, with all thy faults, I love thee still,
My Country! and while yet a nook is left
Where English minds and manners may be found,
Shall be constrained to love thee."
—*Cowper.*

1857. First Parliament elected, Victoria, Australia.

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1811. Action between the frigates *Eagle* and *Corcyre*.

(And to the memory of all the other gallant "single ship" fights in our naval history.)

"The dead, dumb fog hath wrapped it, the frozen dews have kissed,
The naked stars have seen it a fellow star in the mist.
What is the Flag of England? Ye have but my breath to dare,
Ye have but my waves to conquer, go forth, for it is there!"
—*Kipling.*

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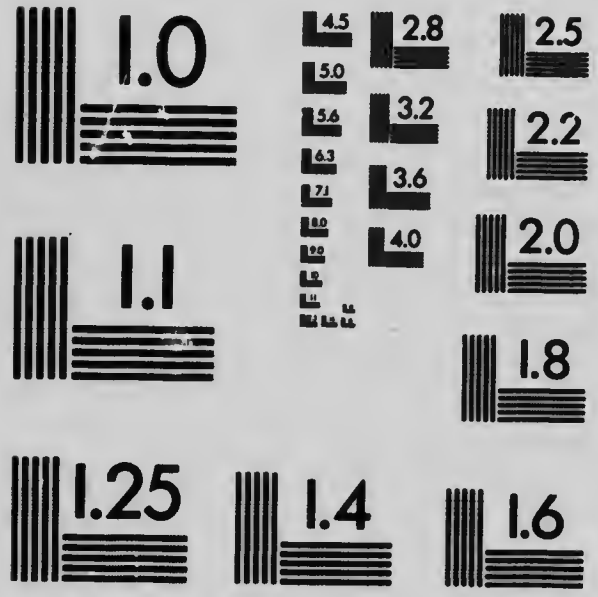

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1812. U. S. troops repulsed at Fort Erie.
1851. His Excellency Earl Grey, Governor-General of Canada, born.
1855. Kars captured by Sir Fenwick Williams.
1857. Cawnpore re-taken.
1885. Mandalay.

"For the temple bells are callin' and it's there that I would be—
By the old Moolmein Pagoda lookin' lazy at the sea,
"On the road to Mandalay,
Where the flyin' fishes play—
Can't you 'ear the paddles chunkin' from Rangoon to Mandalay?
"On the road to Mandalay,
Where the old flotilla lay,
And the dawn comes up like thunder, outer China 'crost the bay." —*Kipling.*

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1530. Cardinal Wolsey died.
1639. Episcopacy abolished in Scotland.
1682. Prince Rupert died.

"So at the last alone, yet dauntless ever
As in his life, adown death's shadowy vale
His spirit passed to that far goal of effort
That lies beyond the last, long Western trail." —*W. P. Osborne.*

1877. Education Act passed, New Zealand.
1899. Battle of Modder River.

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St. Andrew's Day.

"From the lone shieling of the misty island
Mountains divide us, and a waste of seas,
Yet still the blood is strong, the heart is Highland,
And we in dreams behold the Hebrides." —*John Galt.*

1667. Dean Swift born.
1900. Queen Victoria inspected the Canadian S. A. Contingent at Windsor Castle.

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DECEMBER

SOUTH AFRICA: LORD ROBERTS

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IN MEMORY OF THE IMPERIAL SPIRIT OF DECEMBER, 1899.

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"Southward are faces set:
The stirring music of the marching feet,
That shook the nations with its rhythmic beat,
Rings on the pavement yet.

"Across the earth and sea
A long line stretches—men and men and men;
We may not look upon the like again,
Nor braver sight could be.

"This page of history,
Written in warriors' blood and women's tears,
Ending the mighty volume of the years
That make our century,

"Will be a tale sublime
When the great Empire heart grows calm again;
Britannia's eyes, through all the stress and pain,
Look to that after time."

—*Effie Foster, Canada.*

DECEMBER

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1844. Birthday of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Alexandra.

"Sea-King's daughter from over the sea,
Saxon or Dane or Norman we,
Teuton, or Celt, or whatever we be,
We are all of us Danes in our welcome to thee, Alexandra!"

—*Tennyson.*

1875. Prince of Wales (King Edward) landed at Ceylon.

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1697. St. Paul's Cathedral opened.

"We are a people yet;
Though all men else their nobler dreams forget;
Thank Him who isled us here, and roughly set
His Briton in blown seas and storming showers;
We have a voice with which to pay the debt
Of boundless love and reverence and regret
To those great men who fought and kept it ours."

—*Tennyson.*

1810. Mauritius taken from France.
1846. Labuan occupied.
1878. Fight in the Peiwar Pass.

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1854. Fight of Ballarat miners at the "Eureka Stockade."
1874. Testimonial of gratitude presented to England from France (after Franco-Prussian War).
1894. Robert Louis Stevenson died in Samoa.

"Far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife,
His sober wishes never learned to stray;
Along the cool, sequestered vale of life
He kept the noiseless tenor of his way."
—*Gray.*

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1664. French fleet destroyed at Bordeaux.
1795. Carlyle born.
1837. Mackenzie and Papineau Rebellion began in Canada.
1893. Professor Tyndall died.
1893. Captain Wilson and thirty-four men massacred by Matabeles in the Matoppo Hills.

"Not by the power of commerce, art or pen,
Shall our great Empire stand, nor has it stood,
But by the noble deeds of noble men,
Heroic lives, and heroes' outpoured blood."
—*Frederick George Scott.*

5

1782. Independence of U. S. A. acknowledged.
1859. Queensland made Colony.

"Well we know that we are
One people beneath every star—
One blood, one steel, and afar,
The nations know now we are strong."
—*Arthur Weir.*

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1648. Expulsion of the Presbyterian members of the "Long Parliament."
1857. Sir Colin Campbell took Cawnpore.

"Heroes have trod this spot, 'tis on their dust ye tread."
—*Byron.*

"O victims! on your graves the throne is set
Of that great rule from sea to sea outspread."
—*Palgrave.*

1902. Opening Assouan Dam.

"O mystic Nile! thy secret yields
Before us."
—*C. G. D. Roberts.*

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1542. Mary, Queen of Scots, born.
1683. Sir Algernon Sidney executed.
1829. Abolition of Suttees, India.
1839. Sir Redvers Buller born.

"And if for England's sake we fall,
So be it, so her cross be won,
Fixed by kind hands on silvered pall,
And worn in death for duty done."
—*Cory.*

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1282. Llewellyn, last of Welsh Princes, defeated and massacred.

"On thy dear countenance, fair motherland,
Age after age thy sons have set their sign,
Moulding thy features with successive hand,
Not always sedulous of beauty's line—
And yet man's art in one harmonious aim
With nature's gentle moulding here have worked
A perfect whole to frame."
—*Palgrave.*

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1608. Milton born.

"In our halls is hung
Armor of the invincible knights of old;
We must be free or die, who speak the tongue
That Shakespeare spoke; the faith and morals hold
That Milton held."

—*Wordsworth.*

10

1768. Royal Academy founded.

"Count not the cost of honor to the dead—
The tribute that a mighty nation pays
To those who loved her well in former days
Means more than gratitude for glories fled.
The monuments of manhood, brave and high
Do more than forts and battleships to keep
Our dear bought liberty. They fortify
The heart of youth with valor wise and deep;
They build eternal bulwarks, and command
Eternal strength to guard our native land."

—*M. Monaghan, Canada.*

11

1899. Disaster to Highland Brigade at Magersfontein.

"Was there a man dismayed?
Not tho' the soldiers knew
Someone had blundered.
Theirs not to make reply,
Theirs not to reason why,
Theirs but to do and die."

—*Tennyson.*

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1673. St. Helena granted to East India Company.
1887. Robert Browning died.

"God's in His Heaven, all's right with the world."
—*Browning.*

1894. Sir John Thompson, Premier of Canada, died at Windsor Castle.
1900. Battle of Spion Kop.

"There where the wild, mad charges sweep
To crown the height,
Splendid the tryst our soldiers keep
With death to-night."

—*M. H. B.*

13

1642. New Zealand discovered by Tasman.

"Mother England, we are ready
As our comrades were before;
We are true and we are steady,
We are Britons to the core;
Give the signal and we'll sally
Forth from every hill and valley
Round the old red flag to rally,
Full a hundred thousand more."
—*T. R. E. McInnes, Canada.*

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1836. Frances Ridley Havergal born.
1837. Canadian rebels defeated at St. Eustace.
1845. Sikhs attacked Ferozipore.
1861. H. R. H. Albert, Prince Consort, died.

"Allured to brighter worlds and led the way."
—*Goldsmith.*

"We fall with all our weight of cares
Upon the great world's altar stairs
That slope thro' darkness up to God."
—*Tennyson.*

1901. Wireless telegraphy completed.

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1661. Ordination of four bishops for Scotland at Westminster.
1775. Lord Cochrane, Earl Dundonald, born.
1863. Fight with natives, New Zealand.
1899. Battle of Colenso. Sir Redvers Buller defeated.

"Fight as they fought, nor fear to die!
'Tis glorious loss,
If to the winds floats still on high
Great Britain's Cross."

—*M. H. B.*

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1653. Commonwealth proclaimed in England.

"These were not stirred by anger,
Nor yet by lust made bold;
Renown they thought beneath them,
Nor did they look for gold.
To them their leader's signal
Was as the voice of God;
Unmoved, and uncomplaining,
The path it showed they trod."

—*Doyle.*

1714. George Whitefield born.
1775. Jane Austin born.

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1559. Consecration of Archbishop Parker.

"Strong as time, and as faith sublime—
Clothed round with shadows of hopes and fears,
Nights and morrows, and joys and sorrows,
Alive with passion of prayers and tears,
Stands the shrine that has seen decline
Eight hundred waxing and waning years."

—*Swinburne.*

1778. Sir Humphry Davy born.
1891. Zululand annexed.
1907. Lord Kelvin died.

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1708. Charles Wesley born.
1773. Tea thrown into Boston Harbor.
1845. Sikhs defeated at Moodkee.

"Be true to high tradition, to Britain's ancient glory,
Of pioneer and martyr, alive in deathless story;
Strong in their liberty and truth to shed from shore to shore,
A light among the nations till nations are no more."

—*Agnes Maule Machar, Canada.*

19

1793. Toulon taken.

"England, Queen of the waves, whose green,
Inviolate girdle enrings thee round,
Mother fair as the morning, where
Is now the place of thy foemen found?
Still the sea that salutes us free,
Proclaims them stricken, acclaims thee crowned."

—*Swinburne.*

1808. Fort Niagara captured from U. S. troops.

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1852. Pegu annexed to India.
1880. Battle of Suakin.

"Where the footfall sounds of England,
Where the smile of England shines,
Rings the tread and laughs the face
Of freedom, fair as hope divine;
Days to be, more brave than ours,
And lit by lordlier stars for signs."

—*Swinburne.*

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1791. Fortress of Savondroog taken.
1805. Benjamin Disraeli born.
1817. Holkar, Chief of Scinde, finally subdued.

"Music born of change and conquest,
Glory born of evil slain,
When the deathless dawn of England
Rose in sign that right should reign."
—*Swinburne.*

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1845. Sikhs defeated at Feroseshah.
1875. Malays defeated.
1888. River Gambia Settlement made Crown Colony.

"So we 'remote compatriots' reply,
And feel the world-task only half begun;
We are the girders of the aging earth,
Whose veins are million, but whose heart is one!"
—*Arthur Stringer, Canada.*

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1482. Treaty of Arras.
1879. Prince of Wales (King Edward) landed at Calcutta.

"Mother, mother beloved, none other
Could claim in place of thee England's place;
Earth bears none that beholds the sun
So pure of record, so clothed with grace;
England, maiden immortal, laden
With charge of life, and with hopes divine.
Earth shall wither when eyes turned hither
Behold not light in thy darkness shine."
—*Swinburne.*

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1814. Treaty of Ghent ended War of 1812.
1832. Matthew Arnold born.

"Deeds in hours of insight willed
May be in years of gloom fulfilled."
—*Matthew Arnold.*

1836. Bilbao taken from Carlists.
1863. Thackeray died.
1879. Assault on Sherapin by 100,000 Afghans.

"The stern joy that warriors feel
In foemen worthy of their steel." —*Scott.*

1898. Penny Postage established between Canada and the Empire.

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CHRISTMAS DAY.

"Before Jehovah's awful throne
Ye nations, bow with sacred joy;
Know that the Lord is God alone,
He can create and He destroy."
—*Isaac Watts.*

1497. Natal discovered by Vasco da Gama.
1642. Sir Isaac Newton born.
1825. Burmese defeated.
1879. Telegraph completed between England and Cape Town.

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1716. Thomas Gray born.

"Let not ambition mock their useful toil,
Their homely joys, and destiny obscure;
Nor grandeur hear, with a disdainful smile,
The short and simple annals of the poor.

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Full many a gem, of purest ray serene,
The dark, unfathomed caves of ocean bear;
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."
—*Gray.*

1843. Attack on Fort Gwalior.

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1851. Lagos taken.
1875. Control established over Perak.
1897. Landi Kotal destroyed.

"For you and for all of us other
Time is not; the dead that still live
Hold commune with you as a brother
By grace of the life that they give.
The heart that was in them is in you,
Their soul in your spirit endures,
The strength of their song is the sinew
Of this that is yours."

—*Swinburne.*

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1065. Westminster Abbey dedicated.

"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our God and of His Christ."

"And it's O for a sight, tho' it be a dream,
Of the Briton's beacon and pride—
The cold gray Abbey that guards our ghosts
On Thames's sacred side."

—*Harold Begbie.*

1836. South Australia proclaimed Colony.
1859. Lord Macaulay died.

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1170. Thomas à Becket murdered.
1809. William Ewart Gladstone born.

"Whose life was work, whose language rife
With fruitful maxims hewn from life;
He never sold the truth to serve the hour,
Nor paltered with eternal God for power."

—*Tennyson.*

1843. Battle of Maharajpoor.

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1786. Bill passed *re* Transportation of Convicts to N.S.W.
1865. Rudyard Kipling born.

"If, drunk with sight of power, we loose
Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe—
Such boasting as the Gentiles use,
On lesser breeds without the law,
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget."

—*Kipling.*

31

1384. Wycliffe died.
1460. Battle of Wakefield. Lancaster won.
1600. Charter granted to East India Company.
1775. Assault on Quebec. U. S. army, under Richard Montgomery, repulsed by Sir Guy Carleton.

"What England was shall her true sons forget?
But some love England and her honor yet;
And these in our Thermopylæ shall stand,
And hold against the world the freedom of the land."

—*Tennyson.*

1895. "Jameson Raid."

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"O King of kings, Thy blessing shed
On our anointed Sovereign's head;
And, looking from Thy holy heaven,
Protect the crown Thyself hast given.
Him may we honor and obey,
Uphold his right and lawful sway;
Remembering that the powers that be
Are ministers ordained of Thee."

—*Coronation Hymn.*

Coronation or "Holy Stone" removed from Ireland to Scotland in 513, taken from Scone to England, 1296, and placed in Coronation Chair made to receive it.

"O God of Jacob, by whose hand
Thy people still are fed;
Who thro' this weary pilgrimage
Hast all our fathers led:

"Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before Thy throne of grace;
God of our fathers, be the God
Of their succeeding race."

—*Doddridge.*

HOME, SWEET HOME.

It is to be noted that the English language alone contains a special word for "home" (French, "Chez-vous"; German, "zu-hause," etc.), and that in many of the "Dominions of the Seven Seas," together with the love of the native-born for their own land, there is a second patriotic affection, equally strong, which makes thousands of those who have never stood on the sod of Great Britain speak of it as "home."

"'Mid pleasures and palaces tho' we may roam,
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home;
A charm from the skies seems to hallow us there,
Which, seek thro' the world, is ne'er met with elsewhere.
Home! home! sweet, sweet home!
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home."

—*John Howard Payne.*

INCOMPLETE DATES AND NOTES

A.D.

47. Dover Castle built.
49. London founded by Romans (original stronghold of Britons); became the capital in 1066.
51. Caractacus reigned.
60. Joseph of Arimathea founded a Church at Glastonbury (according to legend).
61. Boadicea led her people against the Romans.
62. Apostle Paul in Malta.
121. Adrian's Wall built between Tyne and Solway.
410. Departure of Roman Legions.
450. Anglo-Saxon Invasion of Britain.
457. Heptarchy established.
500. King Arthur reigned.
500(?). Stonehenge (probably used as place of worship by the Druids).
520. Battle of Mount Badon. Arthur defeated Saxons.
531. 1281. Colleges founded at Cambridge.
565. Columba landed at Iona (bearing, according to legend, the Holy Stone).
598. Canterbury Cathedral begun.
690. Name "England" first used.
827. Egbert, chosen first King of all England.
871. Alfred the Great reigned.
882. Trial by Jury established by Alfred the Great.
886. 1264. Colleges built at Oxford.
1013. 1066. Danish Dynasty established.
1016. First London Bridge built.
1066. Channel Islands united to British Crown.
1067. Office of Lord High Chancellor created.
1076. 1685. 1850. Tower of London built.
1076. Hereward, "last of the English," held Normans at bay.
1093. Anselm made Archbishop of Canterbury.
1100. Armorial Bearings first used.

INCOMPLETE DATES

A.D.

1115. St. Stephen's built. 1840-1867. Houses of Parliament built.
1120. Kenilworth Castle begun.
1128. Holyrood begun.
1184. Lambeth Palace begun.
1185. Temple Church built by Knights Templars.
1290. Isle of Man occupied. (Sovereignty purchased from Duke of Athol, 1765.)
1340. Speaker House of Commons first chosen.
1364. Windsor Castle begun.
1387. Winchester School founded.
1471. Caxton introduced Printing.
1483. Murder of the Princes.
1531. Post Office first established.
1576. Magnetic Needle invented. Robert Norman.
1588. First Newspaper, *English Mercury*, established.
1666. Law of Gravitation discovered by Newton.
1672. Temple Bar erected.
1648. Presbyterian Church established.
1707. Security of Church of Scotland Act passed.
1729. Methodist Church established.
1830. Royal Geographical Society founded.
1832. British Medical Association founded.
1832. Telegraph came into general use. Morse Code invented.
1844. Y. M. C. A. founded by Sir Geo. Williams.
1857. W. C. A. established.
1859 Volunteer Movement started.

THE NAVY.

287. Carautius, a King in Britain, built ships to fight Saxon pirates.
875. Alfred built ships to fight Danes.
1487. *Great Harry*, first warship, built by Henry VII.
1512. First regular war navy established.

CHIEF FLAGS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

Symbols to distinguish nations were first used in the Crusades. Richard Cœur de Lion caused the red cross of St. George to be worn by the English soldiers as a badge over their armor, and in the reign of Edward III., St. George (of Cappadocia) became the Patron Saint of England.

"Jack" meant a surcoat worn by sailors in 1315, and on occasion raised on a staff to show to what nation a vessel belonged.

St. George's Flag—a vertical red cross on a white field—was the Flag of England till 1707, and under it many notable naval victories were won. With the "Union" in the upper canton next the staff, it forms to-day the Ensign of the Royal Navy.

St. Andrew's Flag—a white diagonal cross on a blue field—was the separate Flag of Scotland till 1707, in which year the Parliaments of England and Scotland were united. The first "Union Jack" was composed of the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew only, and was used till 1801.

St. Patrick's Flag—a red diagonal cross on white field—was added to the National Flag of Great Britain in 1801, when the three Parliaments were united under George III., from which year the present "Great Union" flag dates.

(The white saltire of St. Andrew is above the Irish in the dexter half of the flag next the staff, in a properly made Union Jack, signifying that Scotland came first into the union, and in the other half the Irish saltire is above the Scotch, representing their equality.)

Royal Standard—the personal banner of the Sovereign—bears the arms of England, three golden lions on a red ground, repeated in the opposite canton; those of Scotland, a red lion on a golden field; and the golden harp of Ireland on a blue ground.

Red Ensign—a plain red flag, with the "Union" in the upper corner next the staff—is the flag of the British Mercantile Marine.

BLUE ENSIGN—plain blue flag with the "Union" added—signifies the Royal Naval Reserve.

CANADIAN RED ENSIGN—sometimes called Dominion Flag, having arms of Canada in the fly—was authorized by the Admiralty in 1870 to be used to distinguish vessels registered in the Dominion. The Blue Ensign with coat-of-arms is carried on Canadian Government boats. This in no way supersedes the Union Jack, and though commonly bearing the arms of all the provinces, the correct official flag should only show those of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, the four original provinces which in 1867 became the Dominion of Canada.

Australia and New Zealand have adopted special *additional* flags since their creation as Commonwealth and Dominion.

PROPER USE OF FLAGS.

ROYAL STANDARD—Only to be used by the Sovereign or members of the Royal family when representing him. Also on ships and fortresses on his birthday, Coronation Day, etc.

UNION JACK—Flag of the Empire—is the proper flag to be used by all British subjects, to be carried by the army, and to be hoisted over public and private buildings.

(The "Union" on a blue ground is flown by all garrisons of the Empire, whether Imperial or Colonial.)

WHITE ENSIGN—Must not be used ashore except by special permission, and then only by members of the Royal Navy.

Note.—No foreign flag should be allowed to be hoisted on a flag-pole anywhere in British territory, either alone or above a British flag (except alone on the official residence of the Consul of such foreign country). Laws in other countries are very stringent in this respect, amounting in the United States to extreme intolerance of the display of any British emblem, and in a lesser degree of those of other nations.

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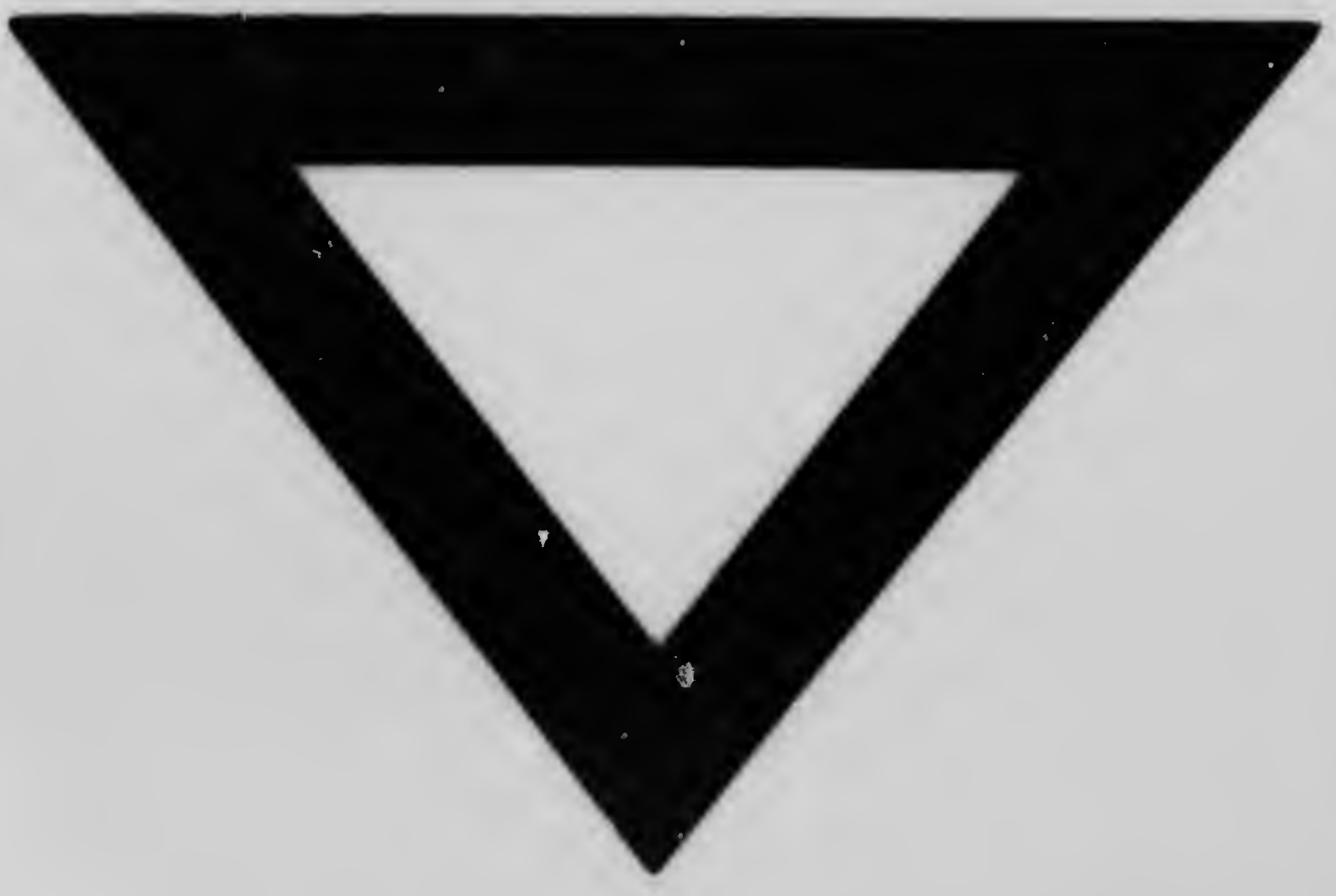
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